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CHAPTER ONE

What They Say

CHRISTIANS CONFESS
Dr. W. Graham Scroggie of the MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE, Chicago, one of the most prestigious Christian Evangelical Mission in the world, answering the question - **"Is the Bible the Word of God?"** (also the title of his book), under the heading: **IT IS HUMAN, YET DIVINE.** He says on page 17:

"Yes, the Bible is **human**, though some, out of a zeal which is not according to knowledge,[1] have denied this. Those books[2] have passed through the **minds of men**, are written in the **language of men,** were penned by the hands of men, and bear in their style the **characteristics of men."** (Underlinings are mine).

Another erudite Christian scholar, Kenneth Cragg, the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, says on page 277 of his book, **"The Call of the Minaret":**

"Not so the New Testament[3] ... There is **condensation** and

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1. Out of ignorance.
2. The Bible is not just a Book. It is a selection and compilation of many books.
3. As opposed to the Quŕán.

editing;[1] there is **choice, reproduction** and **witness.** The Gospels have come through the **mind of the Church behind the authors.** They represent **experience** and **history."**[2]

If words have any meaning, do we need to add another word of comment to prove our case? No! But the professional propagandists, after letting the cat out of the bag, still have the face to try to make their readers believe that they have proved beyond the shadow of any doubt that the Bible is the "irrefragable[3] Word of God." Their semantic gymnastics - equivocating, and playing with words - is amazing!

Both these Doctors of Religion are telling us in the clearest language humanly possible that the Bible is the handiwork of man, all the while pretending that they are proving to the contrary. An old Arab saying goes: "IF SUCH ARE THE PRIESTS, GOD BLESS THE CONGREGATION."

With this sort of drivel, the hot-gospeller and the Bible-thumper is "inspired" to harry the "heathen."[4]A theological student - a not-yet-qualified young evangelist - from the University of Witswatersrand, became a frequent visitor to the Newtown Mosque in Johannesburg, with the "noble" thought of "witnessing"[5] to the members of its congregation. When I was introduced to him, (and having learnt his purpose), I invited him to lunch at my brother's residence - a stone's throw from the Mosque. While discussing the authenticity of the Bible over the dinner table and sensing his stubborn dogmatism, I put out a feeler: "Your **Professor** Geyser, (The Head of the Department of Theology) does not believe the Bible to be the Word of God." Without the slightest surprise he answered, "I know." Now I personally had no knowledge of the Professor's conviction about the bible. I had only assumed so from a controversy which raged around him about the "Divinity of Christ."[6] He had taken issue with the orthodox believers on this point some years ago. I continued further, saying, "Your **lecturer** does not believe the Bible as being God's Word." The young evangelist responded again, "I know," but he continued this time with the words, **"but I believe** that it is the Word of God!" There is no real remedy for such people. Even Jesus bewailed this sickness:

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1. Another word for interpolating.
2. Emphasis are mine.
3. Indisputable.
4. See **"How Lost are the Heathen?"** by the same MOODY PRESS of Dr. Scroggie.
5. When the Christian talks of "witnessing" he means propagating, proselytizing, converting.
6. This subject will be extensively dealt with, **Insha-Allah** in my next publication - **"CHRIST IN ISLAM."**

"...seeing they see not; hearing they hear not, neither do they understand." (Matthew 13:13)

Al-Quŕán, the Holy Book of God, also condemns this mulish mentality:

DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND,	١٨- صُمٌّ بُكْمٌ عُمْيٌ
THEY WILL NOT RETURN (TO THE PATH).	فَهُمْ لَا يَرْجِعُونَ

(Holy Qur'án 2:18)

These pages are now addressed to those sincerely humble souls, who are genuinely interested in seeking the Light of God, and who wish to be guided by it. As for the other, with a sickness in their souls, the facts presented herein can only increase the disease of their hearts.

CHAPTER TWO

THE MUSLIMS' STANDPOINT

PRESUMPTUOUS CHRISTIANS
Whether Catholic, Protestant or a "Cultist," of the thousand - and - one - sects - and - denominations-of-Christianity, never will you find a missionary who will not **prima facie,** presuppose that his potential convert accepts his "Holy Bible" as the book of final authority on every religious opinion? The only answer the prospective proselyte has is to quote verses from the Bible which are contradictory to the missionary's or debate their interpretations.

THE DOGGED QUESTION
When the Muslim proves his point from the Christian's own Scripture, and when the professional priest, parson or predikant cannot refute the arguments - the inevitable Christian evasion is - "DO YOU ACCEPT THE BIBLE AS GOD'S WORD?" On the face of it, the question seems to be an easy one, but a simple "Yes" or "No" cannot be given as an answer. You see, one has first to explain one's position. But the Christian will not give one the opportunity. He gets impatient. "Answer - 'Yes or No!'" he insists. The Jews did the same to Jesus two thousand years ago, except that surprisingly he was not straitjacketed, as is the fashion today!

The reader will readily agree that things are not always either BLACK or WHITE. Between these two extremes there are various shades of GREY. If you say "Yes" to his question then it would mean that you are prepared to swallow everything HOOK, LINE and SINKER, from **Genesis** to **Revelation** from his Bible. If you respond with a "No" he quickly unhooks himself from the facts he has presented, and rallies support from his co-religionists in the audience with: You see, this man does not believe in the Bible! What right has he to expound his case from **our** Book?" With this hydra-like somersault he rests content that he has safely evaded the issue. What is the **Muballigh** to do? He has to explain his position **vis-á-vis** the Bible, as he ought to do.

THREE GRADES OF EVIDENCE
We Muslims have no hesitation in acknowledging that in the Bible, there three different kinds of witnessing recognizable

without any need of specialized training. These are:

1. You will be able to recognize in the Bible what may be described as **"The Word of God."**
2. You also be able to discern what can be described as the **"Words of a Prophet of God."**
3. And you will most readily observe that the bulk of the Bible is the records of eye witnesses or ear witnesses, or people writing from hearsay. As such they are the **"Words of a Historian."**

You do not have to hunt for examples of these different types of evidences in the Bible. The following quotations will make the position crystal clear:

The **First** Type:

a. "I will raise them up a prophet...and I will put my words in...and he shall speak unto them that I shall command him." (Deuteronomy 18:18)
b. I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no saviour." (Isaiah 43:11)
c. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the end of the earth: for I am God, and there is non else" (Isaiah 45:22)

Note the first person pronoun singular (encircled) in the above references, and without any difficulty you will agree that the statements seem to have the sound of being GOD'S WORD.

The **Second** Type:

a. **"Jesus cried** with a loud voice, saying Eli, Eli, Lama sabachtani?..." (Matthew 27:46)
b. "And **Jesus answered** him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord:" (Mark 12:29)
c. " And **Jesus said** unto him, why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God." (Mark 10:18).

Even a child will be able to affirm that: Jesus **"cried,"** Jesus **"answered,"** and Jesus **"said,"** are the words of the one to whom they are attributed, i.e. the WORDS OF A PROPHET OF GOD.

The **Third** Type:

"And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he, (JESUS) came, if haply he (JESUS) might find anything thereon: and when he (JESUS) came to it, he (JESUS) found nothing but leaves..." (Mark 11:13)

The bulk of the Bible is a witnessing of this **THIRD** kind. These are the words of a **third** person. Note the underlined pronouns. They are not the Words of God or of His prophet, but the WORDS OF A HISTORIAN.

For the Muslim it is quite easy to distinguish the above types of evidence, because he also has them in his own faith. But of the followers of the different religions, he is the most fortunate in this that his various records are contained in **separate** Books!

ONE: The first kind - THE WORD OF GOD - is found in a book called **The Holy Quŕ-án.**

TWO: The second kind - THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET OF GOD, (Muhammad, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) are recorded in the books of Tradition called **The Hadith.**

THREE: Evidence of the third kind abounds in different volume of Islamic history, written by some of high integrity and learning, and others of less trustworthiness, but the Muslim advisedly keeps his Books in separate volumes!

The Muslim keeps the above three types of evidence jealously apart, in their proper gradations of authority. He never equates them. On the other hand, the "Holy Bible" contains a motley type of literature, which composes the embarrassing kind, the sordid, and the obscene - all under the same cover - A Christian is forced to concede equal spiritual import and authority to all, and is thus unfortunate in this regard.

CHAPTER THREE

THE MULTIPLE BIBLE VERSIONS

It will now be easy for us to examine a Christian's claim about his Holy Book.

SEPARATING THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF

Before we scrutinize the various versions, let us clarify our own belief regarding the Books of God. When we say that we believe in the **Tauraat,** the **Zaboor,** the **Injeel** and the **Quŕán,** what do we really mean? We already know that the Holy Quŕ-án is the infallible Word of God, revealed to our Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammed Mustapha (Peace be upon him) word for word, through the agency of the Archangel Jibraeel, (known as Gabriel in English), and perfectly preserved and protected from human tampering for the past fourteen hundred years![1] Even hostile critics of Islam have grudgingly vouched for the purity of the Holy Quŕán: "THERE IS PROBABLY IN THE WORLD NO OTHER BOOK WHICH HAS REMAINED TWELVE CENTURIES (now fourteen) WITH SO PURE A TEXT." - (Sir William Muir)

The **Taurat** we Muslims believe in is not the "Torah" of the Jews and the Christians though the words - one Arabic, the other Hebrew - are the same. We believe that whatever the Holy Prophet Moses (Peace be upon him) preached to his people, was the revelation from God Almighty, but that Moses was **not** the author of those "books" attributed to him by the Jews and the Christians.[2]

Likewise we believe that the **Zaboor** was the revelation of God granted to Hazrat Dawood (David) (Peace be upon him), but that the present Psalms associated with his name are **not** that revelation. The Christians themselves do **not** insist that David is the sole author of "his" Psalms.[3]

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1. Whether Muslim or non-Muslim, you do not have to accept this claim on faith alone. You can verify the fact that Al-Quŕán has been protected by a Divine inter-locking mathematical system, which you yourself can see, feel and touch physically. Write for your free copy of the book - "Al-QUŔÁN - The Ultimate Miracle."
2. More in evidence on page 25 - "Moses not the author of the Biblical **"Torah."**
3. See page 59, Christian "Brains Trust" confess - "Author: Principally David, **though there are other writers."**

What about the **Injeel?** INGEEL means the "Gospel" or "good news" which Jesus Christ preached during his short ministry. The "Gospel" writers often mention that Jesus going about and preaching the Gospel (the **Injeel):**

1. "And Jesus went...preaching the **gospel,**... and healing every disease among the people." (Matthew 9:35)
2. "...but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the **gospel's,** the same shall save it." (Mark 8:35)
3. "...preached the **gospel**..." (Luke 20:1)

The "gospel" is a frequently-used word, but what Gospel did Jesus preach? Of the 27 books of the New Testament, only a small fraction can be accepted as the words of Jesus. The Christians boast about the Gospels according to St. Matthew, according to St. Mark, according to St. Luke and according to St. John, but there is not a single Gospel **"according"** to (St.) Jesus himself! We **sincerely** believe that everything Christ (May the peace and blessings of God be upon him) preached was from God. That was the **Injeel,** the good news and the guidance of God for the Children of Israel. In his life-time Jesus never wrote a single word, nor did he instruct anyone to do so. What passes off as the "GOSPELS" today are the works of anonymous hands!

The question before us is: **"Do you accept that the Bible is God's Word?"** The question is really in the form of a challenge. The questioner is simply seeking enlightenment. The question is posed in the spirit of a debate. We have every right to demand in a similar vein - "Which Bible are you talking about?", we may ask. "Why there is only ONE Bible!" he mutters.

THE CATHOLIC BIBLE

Holding the **"Douay,"** Roman Catholic Version of the Bible aloft in my hand, I ask, "Do **YOU** accept **THIS** Bible as the Word of God?" For reasons best known to themselves, the Catholic Truth Society have published their Version of the Bible in a very short, stumpy form. This version is a very odd proportion of the numerous Versions in the market today. The Christian questioner is taken aback. "What Bible is that?" he asks. "Why, I thought you said there was only ONE Bible!" I remind him. "Y-e-s," he murmurs hesitantly, "but what Version is that?" "Why, would that make any difference?" I enquire. Of course it does, and the professional preacher knows that it does. He is only bluffing with his "ONE Bible" claim.

The Roman Catholic Bible was published at Rheims in 1582, from Jerome's Latin Vulgate and reproduced at Douay in 1609.

As such the RCV (Roman Catholic Version) is the oldest Version that one can still buy today. Despite its antiquity, the whole of the Protestant world, including the "cults"* condemn the RCV because it contains seven extra "books" which they comtemptuously refer to as the **"apocrypha,"** i.e. of DOUBTFUL AUTHORITY. Notwithstanding the dire warning contained in the Apocalypse, which is the last book in the RCV (renamed as **"Revelation"** by the Protestants), it is "revealed":

"...**If any man shall add to these things** (or delete) **God shall add unto him the plagues written in this Book."** (Revelation 22:18-19)

But who cares! They do not really believe! The protestants have bravely **expunged seven whole books** from their Book of God! The outcasts are:

- The Book of Judith
- The Book of Tobias
- The Book of Baruch
- The Book of Esther, etc

THE PROTESTANT BIBLE

Sir Winston Churchill has pertinent things to say about the Authorised Version (AV) of the Protestant Bible, which is also widely known known as the "King James Version (KJV).

"THE AUTHORISED VERSION OF THE BIBLE WAS PUBLISHED IN 1611 BY THE **WILL** AND **COMMAND** OF **HIS MAJESTY** KING JAMES THE 1ST WHOSE NAME IT BEARS TILL TODAY."

The Roman Catholics, believing as they do that the Protestants have mutilated the Book of God, are yet aiding and abetting the Protestant "crime" by forcing their native converts to purchase the Authorised Version (AV) of the Bible, which is the only Bible available in some 1500 languages of the lesser developed nations of the world. The Roman catholics milk their cows, but the feeding is left to the Protestants! The overwhelming majority of Christians - both Catholics and Protestant - use the **Authorised** (AV) or the **King James Version** (KJV) as it is alternatively called.

GLOWING TRIBUTES

First published, as Sir Winston says, in 1611, and then revised in 1881 (RV), and now re-revised and brought up to date as the **Revised Standard Version** (RSV) 1952, and now again re-re-

* This disparaging title is given by the orthodox to Jehovah's Witnesses, The Seventh Day Adventists and a thousand other sects and denominations with whom they do not see eye to eye.

revised in 1971 (still RSV for short). Let us see what opinion Christendom has of this most revised Bible, the RSV:-

"THE FINEST VERSION WHICH HAS BEEN PRODUCED IN THE PRESENT CENTURY." - **(Church of England Newspaper)**

"A COMPLETELY FRESH TRANSLATION BY SCHOLARS OF THE HIGHEST EMINENCE." - **(Times Literary Supplement)**

"THE WELL-LOVED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AUTHORISED VERSION COMBINED WITH A NEW ACCURACY OF TRANSLATION." - **(Life and Work)**
"THE MOST ACCURATE AND CLOSE RENDERING OF THE ORIGINAL" - **(The Times)**

The publishers (Collins) themselves, in their notes on the Bible at the end of their production, say on page 10: THIS BIBLE (RSV) IS THE PRODUCT OF **THIRTY-TWO SCHOLARS,** ASSISTED BY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTING **FIFTY** CO-OPERATING DENOMINATIONS." Why all this boasting? To make the gullible public buy their product? All these testimonies convince the purchaser that he is backing the right horse, with the purchaser little suspecting that he is being taken for a ride.

"THE WORLD'S BEST SELLER"
But what about the Authorised Version of the Bible (AV), the "World's Best Seller?" These Revisers, all good salesmen, have some very pretty things to say about it. However, their page iii, paragraph six of the PREFACE of the RSV reads:*

"THE KING JAMES VERSION (alternative description of AV) HAS WITH GOOD REASON BEEN TERMED **'THE NOBLEST MONUMENT OF ENGLISH PROSE.'** ITS REVISERS IN 1881 EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR **'ITS SIMPLICITY, ITS DIGNITY, ITS POWER, ITS HAPPY TURNS OF EXPRESSION...THE MUSIC OF ITS CADENCES, AND THE FELICITIES OF ITS RHYTHM.'** IT ENTERED, AS NO OTHER BOOK HAS, INTO THE MAKING OF THE PERSONAL CHARACTER AND THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLES. WE OWE IT AN INCALCULABLE DEBT."

Can you, dear reader, imagine a more magnificent tribute being paid to the "Book of Books" than the above? I, for one, cannot. Let the believing Christain, now steel himself for the unkindest blow of all from his own beloved Lawyers of Religion; for in the very same breath they say:
YET THE KING JAMES VERSION HAS **GRAVE DEFECTS."** And, "THAT THESE DEFECTS ARE **SO MANY AND SO SERIOUS** AS TO

* See page 11 for actual reproduction.

CALL FOR REVISION . . ." This is straight from the horse's mouth, i.e. the orthodox Christian scholars of **"the highest eminence."** Another galaxy of Doctors of Divinity are now required to produce an encyclopaedia explaining the cause of those GRAVE AND SERIOUS DEFECTS in their Holy Writ and their reasons for eliminating them.

PREFACE

THE Revised Standard Version of the Bible is an authorized revision of the American Standard Version, published in 1901, which was a revision of the King James Version, published in 1611.

The first English version of the Scriptures made by direct translation from the original Hebrew and Greek, and the first to be printed, was the work of William Tyndale. He met bitter opposition. He was accused of willfully perverting the meaning of the Scriptures, and his New Testaments were ordered to be burned as "untrue translations." He was finally betrayed into the hands of his enemies, and in October 1536, was publicly executed and burned at the stake.

Yet Tyndale's work became the foundation of subsequent English versions, notably those of Coverdale, 1535; Thomas Matthew (probably a pseudonym for John Rogers), 1537; the Great Bible, 1539; the Geneva Bible, 1560; and the Bishops' Bible, 1568. In 1582 a translation of the New Testament, made from the Latin Vulgate by Roman Catholic scholars, was published at Rheims.

The translators who made the King James Version took into account all of these preceding versions; and comparison shows that it owes something to each of them. It kept felicitous phrases and apt expressions, from whatever source, which had stood the test of public usage. It owed most, especially in the New Testament, to Tyndale.

The King James Version had to compete with the Geneva Bible in popular use; but in the end it prevailed, and for more than two and a half centuries no other authorized translation of the Bible into English was made. The King James Version became the "Authorized Version" of the English-speaking peoples.

The King James Version has with good reason been termed "the noblest monument of English prose." Its revisers in 1881 expressed admiration for "its simplicity, its dignity, its power, its happy turns of expression . . . the music of its cadences, and the felicities of its rhythm." It entered, as no other book has, into the making of the personal character and the public institutions of the English-speaking peoples. We owe to it an incalculable debt.

Yet the King James Version has grave defects. By the middle of the nineteenth century, the development of Biblical studies and the discovery of many manuscripts more ancient than those upon which the King James Version was based, made it manifest that these defects are so many and so serious as to call for revision of the English translation. The task was undertaken, by authority of the Church of England, in 1870. The English Revised Version of the Bible was published in 1881–1885; and the American Standard Version, its variant embodying the preferences of the American scholars associated in the work, was published in 1901.

Because of unhappy experience with unauthorized publications in the two decades between 1881 and 1901, which tampered with the text of the English Revised Version in the supposed interest of the American public, the American Standard Version was copyrighted, to protect the text from unauthorized changes. In 1928 this copyright was acquired by the International Council of Religious Education, and thus passed into the ownership of the churches of the United States and Canada which were associated in this Council through their boards of education and publication.

The Council appointed a committee of scholars to have charge of the text of the American Standard Version and to undertake inquiry as to whether

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CHAPTER FOUR

FIFTY THOUSAND ERRORS (?)

The Jehovah's Witnesses in their **"AWAKE!"** Magazine, 8 September 1957, carried this startling headline - **"50 000 ERRORS IN THE BIBLE?"** (See page 13 for the reproduction).

While I was still formulating the theme of this booklet, I heard a knock at my door one Sunday morning. I opened the door. A European gentleman stood there, grinning broadly. "Good morning!" he said. "Good morning," I replied. He was offering me his **"Awake"** and **"Watchtower"** magazines. Yes, a Jehovah's Witness! If a few had knocked at your door previously, you will recognize them immediately. The most supercilious lot of people who ever knocked at people's doors! I invited him in.

As soon as he settled down, I produced the full reproduction of what you see on page 13. Pointing to the monograph

Awake!

"Now it is high time to awake."

—Romans 13:11

at the top of the page, I asked, "Is this your's?" He readily recognised his own. I said, "It says: 50 000 Errors in the Bible, is it true?" "What's that!" he exclaimed. I repeated, "I said, that it says, that there are 50 000 errors in your Bible." "Where did you get that?" He asked. (This was published 23 years ago, when he was perhaps a little nipper) I said, "Leave the fancy talk aside - is this your's?" pointing again to the monograph - **"Awake!"** He said, "Can I have a look?" "Of course," I said. I handed him the page. He started perusing. They (the Jehovah's Witnesses) are trained. They attend classes five times a week in their "Kingdom Halls." Naturally, they are the fittest missionaries among the thousand - and - one - sects - and - denominations of Christendom. They are taught that when cornered, do not commit yourself to anything, do not open your mouths. Wait for the Holy Ghost to inspire you with what to say.

Awake!

"Now it is high time to awake."
—Romans 13:11

Brooklyn, N. Y., September 8, 1957

Christians Admit!

"YOUR WORD IS TRUTH" JOHN 17:17 NW

50,000 Errors in the Bible?

RECENTLY a young man purchased a King James Version Bible thinking it was without error. One day when glancing through a back issue of *Look* magazine he came across an article entitled "The Truth About the Bible," which said that "as early as 1720, an English authority estimated that there were at least 20,000 errors in the two editions of the New Testament commonly read by Protestants and Catholics. Modern students say there are probably 50,000 errors." The young man was shocked. His faith in the Bible's authenticity was shaken. "How can the Bible be reliable when it contains thousands of serious discrepancies and inaccuracies?" he asks.

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I silently kept watching him, while he browsed the page. Suddenly he looked up. He had found it. The "Holy Ghost" had tickled him. He began, "The article says that **"most of those errors have been eliminated."** I asked, "If **MOST** are eliminated, how many remain out of 50 000? 5000? 500? 50? Even if 50 remain, do you attribute those errors to God?" He was speechless. He excused himself by suggesting that he will come again with some senior member of his Church. That will be the day!

If I had this booklet ready, I would have offered him, saying - "I would like to do you a favour, give me your name and address, and your telephone number. I will **loan** you this booklet -**"IS THE BIBLE GOD'S WORD?"** for 90 days. I want a written reply!" If you do this. And a few other Muslims do the same. They and the other missionaries will never darken your doors again. I believe that this publication will prove the most effective talisman to date. **Insha-Allah!**

This "cult" of Jehovah's Witnesses which is so strong in its condemnation of the orthodox Trinitarians, for playing with the "Word of God," is itself playing the same game of semantic gymnastics. In the article under review - **"50 000 ERRORS IN THE BIBLE?"** - they say: "there are **probably** 50 000 errors...errors that have **crept** into the Bible text...50 000 **such serious** (?) errors...**most** of those **so-called** errors...**as a whole** the Bible is accurate." (!)

We do not have the time to go into the tens of thousands of - grave or minor - defects that the authors of the Revised Standard Version (RSV) have attempted to revise. We leave that privilege to the Christian scholars of the Bible. Here I will endeavour to cast just a cursory glance at a "half-a-dozen" or so of those "minor" changes.

1. **"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a VIRGIN shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."** (Isaiah 7:14 - AV)

The indispensable "VIRGIN" in the above verse has now been replaced in the RSV with the phrase **"a young woman,"** which is the correct translation of the Hebrew word **almáh.** Almáh is the word which has occurred all along in the Hebrew text and NOT **bethulah** which means VIRGIN. This correction is only to be found in the English language translation, as the RSV is only published in this tongue. For the African and the Afrikaner, the Arab and the Zulu, in fact, in the 1500 other languages of the world, Christians are made to continue to swallow the misnomer "VIRGIN."

BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE
"Jesus is the only beggten son of God, **begotten** not **made,"** is an adjunct of the orthodox catechism, leaning for support on the following:

2. **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only BEGOTTEN son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** (John 3:16 - AV)

No priest worth his cloth would fail to quote **"the only BEGOTTEN of the Father!"** when preaching to a prospective convert. But this fabrication - "BEGOTTEN" - has now been unceremoniously excised by the Bible Revisers, without a word of excuse. They are as silent as church-mice and would not draw the readers attention to their furtive excision. This blasphemous word "BEGOTTEN" was another of the many such interpolations in the "Holy Bible." God Almighty condemned this blasphemy in the strongest terms soon after its innovation. He did not wait for 2000 years for Bible scholars to reveal the fraud.

٨٨- وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ الرَّحْمٰنُ وَلَدًا ۝

AND THEY SAY: "(GOD) MOST GRACIOUS HAS BEGOTTEN A SON!"

٨٩- لَقَدْ جِئْتُمْ شَيْئًا إِدًّا ۝

INDEED YE HAVE PUT FORTH A THING MOST MONSTROUS!

٩٠- تَكَادُ السَّمٰوٰتُ يَتَفَطَّرْنَ مِنْهُ

AT IT THE SKIES ARE READY TO BURST,

AND THE EARTH TO SPLIT ASUNDER, وَتَنْشَقُّ الْأَرْضُ

AND THE MOUNTAINS TO FALL DOWN IN UTTER RUIN, وَتَخِرُّ الْجِبَالُ هَدًّا ۝

٩١-أَنْ دَعَوْا لِلرَّحْمٰنِ وَلَدًا

THAT THEY SHOULD INVOKE A SON FOR (GOD) MOST GRACIOUS.

٩٢-وَمَا يَنْبَغِي لِلرَّحْمٰنِ

FOR IT IS NOT CONSONANT WITH THE MAJESTY OF (GOD) MOST GRACIOUS

THAT HE SHOULD BEGET A SON. أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ وَلَدًا

(Holy Qur'án 19:88-92)

The Muslim world should congratulate the **"Fifty cooperating denominations"** of Christendom and their Brains Trust the **"Thirty-two scholars of the highest eminence"** for bringing their Holy Bible a degree nearer to the Qur-ánic truth.

HE (God Almighty) BEGETS NOT لَمْ يَلِدْ

NOR IS HE BEGOTTEN. وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

(Holy Qur'án 112:3)

"CHRISTIAN MES-A-MATHICS"

3. **"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the FATHER, the WORD, and the HOLY GHOST: and these three are one."** (1st Epistle of John 5:7 - AV)

This verse is the closest approximation to what the Christians call their **Holy Trinity** in the encyclopaedia called the BIBLE. This key-stone of the Christian faith has also been scrapped from the RSV without even a semblance of explanation. It has been a pious fraud all along and well-deservedly has it been expunged in the RSV for the English speaking people. But for the 1499 remaining language groups of the world who read the Christian concoctions in their mother tongues, the fraud remains. These people will never know the truth until the Day of Judgement. However, we Muslims must again congratulate the galaxy of D.D.'s who have been honest enough to eliminate another lie

from the English (RSV) Bible, thus bringing their Holy Book yet another step closer to the teachings of Islam. For the Holy Quŕán says:

. . . AND DON'T SAY 'TRINITY': وَلَا تَقُولُوا ثَلٰثَةٌ ۚ

DESIST: IT WILL BE BETTER FOR YOU: اِنْتَهُوْا خَيْرًا لَّكُمْ ۚ

FOR ALLAH IS ONE GOD:* . . . اِنَّمَا اللّٰهُ اِلٰهٌ وَّاحِدٌ ۚ

(Holy Qur'án 4:171)

THE ASCENSION

One of the most serious of those **"grave defects"** which the authors of the RSV had tried to rectify concerned the Ascension of Christ. There have been only two references in the Canonical Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and of John to the most stupendous event in Christianity - OF JESUS BEING TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN. These two references were obtained in every Bible in every language, prior to 1952, when the RSV first appeared. These were:

4a. **"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN, and sat down at the right hand of God."** (Mark 16:19)

4b. **"While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was CARRIED UP INTO HEAVEN."** (Luke 24:51)

Now please turn to page 18 which is a photo copy where the quotation 4a above ought to appear. You will be shocked to note that Mark 16 ends at verse **8,** and after an embarrassing expanse of blank space the missing verses appear in "small print" as a footnote at the bottom of the page. If you can lay your hand on a RSV **1952**, you will find the last six words of 4b above, i.e. **"AND WAS CARRIED UP INTO HEAVEN"** replaced by a tiny "a" to tell you to see the footnote if you please, where you will find these missing words. Every honest Christian has to admit that he does not consider any footnote in any Bible as the Word of God. Why should the paid servants of Christianity consign the mightiest miracle of their religion to a mere footnote?

From the Chart - **"The Origin and Growth of the English**

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* Not one in a trinity.

saw a young man sitting on the right
side, dressed in a white robe; and they
were amazed. 6And he said to them,
"Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of
Nazareth, who was crucified. He has
risen, he is not here; see the place where
they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disci-
ples and Peter that he is going before
you to Galilee; there you will see him,
as he told you." 8And they went out and
fled from the tomb; for trembling and
astonishment had come upon them; and
they said nothing to any one, for they
were afraid.[k]

Note Mark 16 ends at verse 8

NOTE THE HUGE EXPANSE BETWEEN THE TEXT AND THE FOOTNOTE

Mark 16:9-20 relegated to footnote

[k]Other texts and versions add as Mk 16.9-20 the following passage:
9 *Now when he [illegible] the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. [illegible] as they mourned and wept.* 11 *But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.*
12 *After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country.* 13*And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.*
14 *Afterward he app[illegible]ded them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.* 15*And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.* 16 *He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe [illegible] believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;* 18 *they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."*
19 *So then the Lord J[illegible] and sat down at the right hand of God.* 20*And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.*

Other ancient authorities add after verse 8 the following: *But they reported briefly to Peter and those with him all that they had been told. And after this, Jesus himself sent out by means of them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal sa[illegible].*

16.7: Mk 14.28; Jn 21.1-23; Mt 28.7.

Revised Standard Version
TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL TONGUES
BEING THE VERSION SET FORTH A.D. 1611
REVISED A.D. 1881-1885 AND A.D. 1901
COMPARED WITH THE MOST ANCIENT AUTHORITIES
AND REVISED A.D. 1952

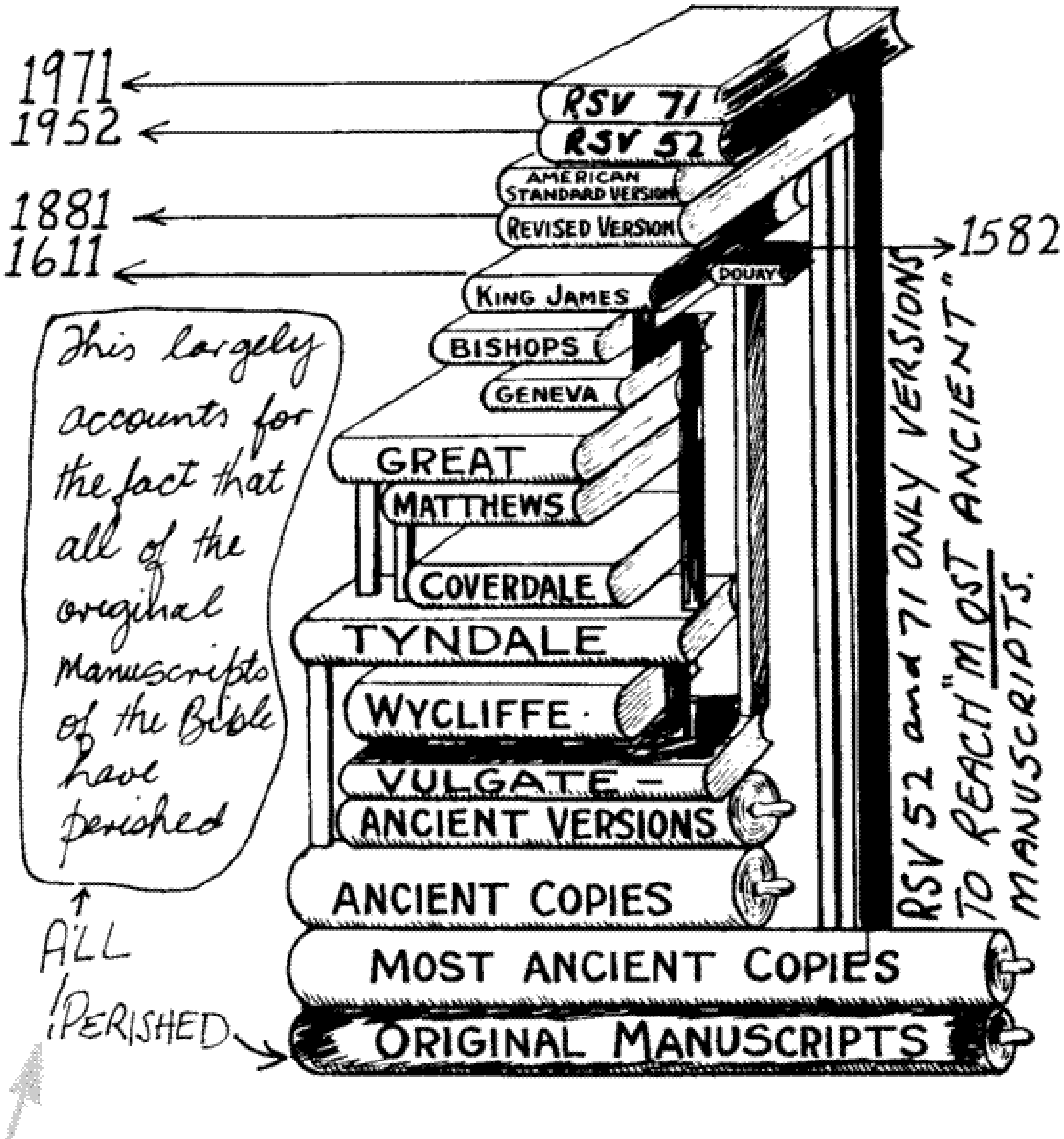
Bible" - appearing on page 20, you will note that all the Biblical "Versions" prior to the Revised Version of 1881 were dependent upon the ANCIENT COPIES - those dating only five or six hundred years after Jesus. The Revisers of the RSV 1952, were the first Bible scholars who were able to tap the **"MOST** Ancient Copies" fully, dating three and four centuries after Christ. We agree that the closer to the source the more authentic is the document. Naturally "MOST" Ancient deserves credence more than mere "ANCIENT." But not finding a word about Jesus being **"taken up"** or **"carried up"** into heaven in the MOST ANCIENT manuscripts, the Christian fathers expurgated those references from the RSV **1952.**

THE DONKEY CIRCUS
The above facts are a staggering confession by Christendom that the "inspired" authors of the Canonical Gospels did not record a single word about the ASCENSION of Jesus. Yet these "inspired" authors were unanimous in recording that their Lord and Saviour rode a donkey into Jerusalem as his mission drew to a close.

". . . and they sat him thereon." (The Donkey) (Matt. 21:7)	**"... and he sat upon him."** (The Donkey) (Mark 11:7)
". . . and they set Jesus thereon." ((The Donkey) (Luke 19:35)	**"... Jesus ... sat thereon:"** (The Donkey (John 12:14)

Could God Almighty have been the author of this incongrous situation - going out of His Way to see that all the Gospel writers did not miss their footing recording His "son's" donkey-ride into the Holy City - and yet "inspiring" them to black-out the news about His "son's" heavenly flight on the wings of angels?

NOT FOR LONG!
The **hot-gospellers** and the **Bible-thumpers** were too slow in catching the joke. By the time they realised that the corner-stone of their preaching - THE ASCENSION OF JESUS - had been undermined as a result of Christian Biblical erudition, the publishers of the RSV had already raked in a nett profit of 15 000 000 dollars! (Fifteen Million). The propagandists made a big hue and cry, and with the backing of two denominational committees out of the fifty, forced the Publishers to re-incorporate the interpolations into the "INSPIRED" Word of



In the above drawing is shown the gradual development of the English Bible as well as the foundations upon which each successive version rests.

We are living in an age of printing.

It is hard for us to realize that when the books of the Bible were originally written, there was no printing press to multiply the copies.

Each copy must be made slowly and laboriously by hand. Under these conditions it was inevitable that many ancient books should be lost. This largely accounts for the fact that all the original manuscripts of the Bible have perished.

The question arises, what have we then as the literary foundation of our Bible?

(1) We have the most ancient copies made from the original manuscripts. We mention only three principal ones.

(a) The Codex Sinaiticus, originally a codex of the Greek Bible belonging to the fourth century. Purchased from the Soviet Republic of Russia in 1933 by Great Britain and is now in the British Museum.

(b) The Codex Alexandrinus, probably written in the fifth century, now in the British Museum. It contains the whole Greek Bible with the exception of forty lost leaves.

(c) The Codex Vaticanus, in the Vatican library at Rome, originally contained the whole Bible but parts are lost. Written probably about the fouth century.

God. In every new publication of the RSV after **1952,** the expunged portion was **"RESTORED TO THE TEXT."**

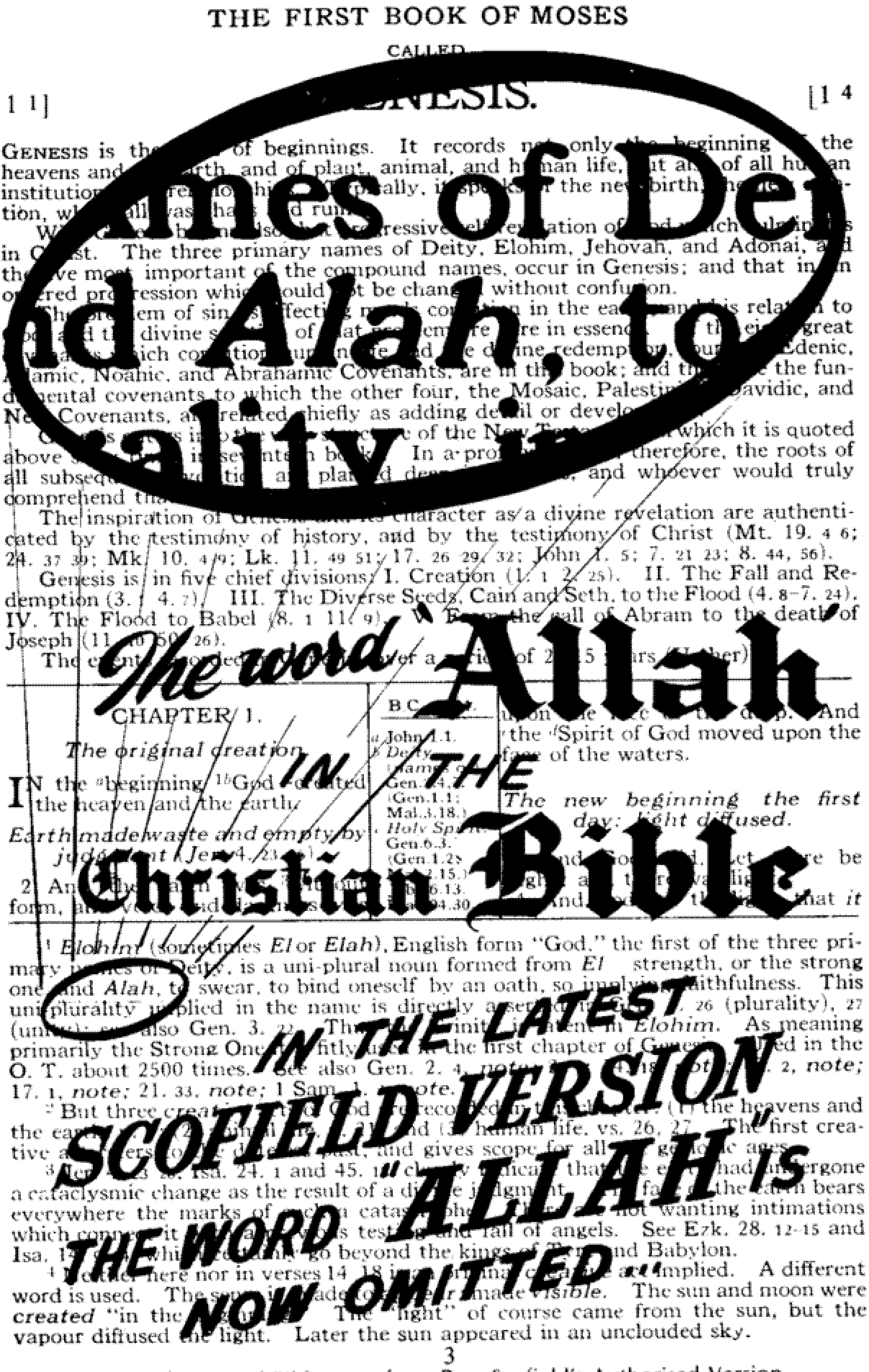
It is an old, old game. The Jews and Christians have been editing their "Book of God" from its very inception. The difference between them and the ancient forgerers is that the ancient forgers did not know the art of writing "prefaces" and "footnotes", otherwise they too would have told us as clearly as our modern heroes have about their tampering, and their glib excuses for transmuting forged currency into glittering gold.

"MANY PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATION WERE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY INDIVIDUALS AND BY TWO DENOMINATIONAL COMMITTEES. ALL OF THESE WERE GIVEN CAREFUL ATTENTION BY THE COMMITTEE.

"TWO PASSAGES, THE LONGER ENDING OF MARK (16:9-20) ... AND LUKE 24:51 ARE **RESTORED** TO THE TEXT." **(Preface - Collins' pages vi and vii)**

"Why **'restored'"?** Because they had been previously expunged! Why had the references to the Ascension expunged in the first place? The **MOST** Ancient manuscripts had no references to the Ascension at all. They were interpolations similar to 1 John 5:7 about the Trinity. (Refer page 16 example 3). Why eliminate one and re-instate the other? Do not be surprised! By the time you lay your hands on a RSV, the "Committee" might also have decided to expunge the whole of their invaluable Preface. The Jehovah's Witnesses have already eliminated 27 revealing pages of their FOERWORD to their **"New World Translation of the CHRISTIAN GREEK SCRIPTURES,"** (this is their way of saying - New Testament).

The Rev. C. I. Scofield D. D. with a team of 8 Consulting Editors, also all D.D.'s, in the **"Scofield Reference Bible,"** thought it appropriate to spell the Hebrew word **"Elah"** (meaning **God**) alternatively as **"Alah."** The Christians had thus swallowed the camel - they seemed to have accepted at last that the name of God is Allah - but were still straining at the gnat by spelling Allah with one "L"! (Photographic reproduction of the Bible page showing the word **"ALAH"** is preserved here for posterity on page 22). References were made in public lectures to this fact by the author of this booklet. Believe me, the subsequent **"Scofield Reference Bible"** has retained word for word the whole commentary of Genesis 1:1, but has, by a clever sleight-of-hand, blotted out the word **"Alah"** altogether. There is not even a gap where the word **"Alah"** once used to be. This is in the Bible of the orthodox! One is hard pressed to keep up with their jugglery.



Reproduction of Bible page from Rev. Scofield's Authorised Version.

CHAPTER FIVE

DAMNING CONFESSIONS

Mrs. Ellen G. White, a "prophetess" of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, in her Bible Commentary Vol 1, page 14, has this confession to make about the fallibility of the "Holy Bible." "THE BIBLE WE READ TODAY IS THE WORK OF MANY COPYISTS WHO HAVE IN MOST INSTANCES DONE THEIR WORK WITH MARVELLOUS ACCURACY. BUT COPYISTS HAVE **NOT BEEN INFALLIBLE,** AND GOD MOST EVIDENTLY HAS **NOT SEEN FIT** TO PRESERVE THEM ALTOGETHER **FROM ERROR** IN TRANSCRIBING." In the following pages of her commentary, Mrs White testifies further: "I SAW THAT GOD HAD ESPECIALLY GUARDED THE BIBLE," (from what?) "YET WHEN COPIES OF IT WERE FEW, LEARNED MEN HAD IN SOME INSTANCES **CHANGED THE WORDS,** THINKING THAT THEY WERE MAKING IT PLAIN, WHEN IN REALITY THEY WERE **MYSTIFYING** THAT WHICH WAS PLAIN, BY CAUSING IT TO **LEAN TO THEIR ESTABLISHED VIEWS,** WHICH WERE GOVERNED BY TRADITION."

DEVELOPED SICKNESS
The mental malady is a cultivated one. This authoress and her followers can still trumpet from roof tops that **"Truly, the Bible is the infallible Word of God." "Yes, it is adulterated, but pure." "It is human, yet divine."** Do words have any meaning in their language? Yes, they have in their courts of law, but not in their theology. They carry a "poetic licence" in their preaching.

IN THEIR HEARTS IS A DISEASE;	فِي قُلُوبِهِم مَّرَضٌ
AND ALLAH HAS INCREASED THEIR DISEASE:	فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا
AND GRIEVOUS IS THE PENALTY THEY (INCUR),	وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

BECAUSE THEY ARE FALSE (TO THEMSELVES). بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ ۝

(Holy Qur'án 2:10)

THE WITNESSES
The most vociferous of all the Bible-thumpers are the Jehovah's Witnesses. On page 5 of their "FOREWORD," mentioned earlier, they confess:

"IN COPYING THE INSPIRED ORIGINALS BY HAND THE ELEMENT OF **HUMAN FRAILTY** ENTERED IN, AND SO **NONE** OF THE THOUSANDS OF COPIES EXTANT TODAY IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE **ARE PERFECT DUPLICATES.** THE RESULT IS THAT **NO TWO** COPIES ARE **EXACTLY ALIKE."** Now you see, why the whole "foreword" of 27 pages is eliminated from their Bibles. Allah was making them to hang themselves with their own erudition.

POT-LUCK
Out of over four thousand differing manuscripts the Christians boast about, the Church fathers just selected four which tallied with their prejudices and called them Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We will deal with each of them in their proper place. Here, let us go over the conclusion of the Jehovah's Witnesses' research as recorded in the now expunged Foreword:

"THE EVIDENCE IS, THEREFORE, THAT THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF THE CHRISTIAN GREEK SCRIPTURES[1] **HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH,** THE SAME AS THE TEXT OF THE LXX[2] HAS BEEN,"

Yet this incorrigible Cult has the effrontery to publish 9 000 000 (Nine Million) copies as a First Edition of a 192-page book entitled - **"Is the Bible REALLY the Word of God?"** We are dealing here with a sick mentality, for no amount of tampering, as they say, will "APPRECIABLY AFFECT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE BIBLE" (?). This is Christian logic.

A PATIENT HEARING
Dr. Graham Scroggie in his aforementioned book, pleads, on page 29, for the Bible:-

1. New Testament.
2. **"LXX"** meaning **Seventy,** is the JW's alternative title of the Old Testament. Do not be mystified; they have a habit of calling a simple four letter word, a **"tetragrammaton."**

"AND LET US BE PERFECTLY FAIR AS WE PURSUE THE SUBJECT, **(Is the Bible the Word of God?).** BEARING IN MIND THAT WE ARE TO HEAR **WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY ABOUT ITSELF.** IN A COURT OF LAW WE ASSUME THAT A WITNESS WILL SPEAK THE TRUTH, AND MUST ACCEPT WHAT HE SAYS UNLESS WE HAVE GOOD GROUNDS FOR SUSPECTING HIM, OR CAN PROVE HIM A LIAR. SURELY THE BIBLE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, AND SHOULD RECEIVE A LIKE PATIENT HEARING."

The plea is fair and reasonable. We will do exactly as he asks and let the Bible speak for itself.

In the first five books of the Bible - **Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy** - there are more than 700 statements which prove not only that God is **NOT** the Author of these books, but that **EVEN** Moses himself had no hand in them. Open these books at random and you will see:

- "And the **Lord said unto him,** Away, get thee down..."
- "And **Moses said unto the Lord,** the people cannot come..."
- "And the **Lord said unto Moses,** Go on before the people..."
- "And the **Lord spake unto Moses,** saying..."
- "And the **Lord said unto Moses,** Get down, charge the..."

It is manifest and apparent that these are **NEITHER** the Words of God **NOR** of Moses. They indicate the voice of a third person writing from hearsay.

MOSES WROTE HIS OWN OBITUARY?
Could Moses had been a contributor to his own obituary before his demise? Did the Jews write their own obituaries? **"So Moses ... DIED ... And he** (God Almighty) **BURIED HIM** (Moses) **... he was 120 years old when he DIED ... And there arose not a prophet SINCE in Israel like unto Moses ..."** (Deut. 34:5-10). We will analyze the rest of the Old Testament presently from other angles.

CHAPTER SIX

THE BOOK CHRISTENED "THE NEW TESTAMENT"

WHY "ACCORDING TO?"
What about the so-called New Testament?* Why does every Gospel begin with the introduction - ACCORDING TO ... ACCORDING TO ... (See page 27). Why **"according to?"** Because not a single one of the vaunted four thousand copies extant carries its author's autograph! Hence the supposition **"according to!"** Even the internal evidence proves that Matthew was not the author of the first Gospel which bears his name.

> "And as Jesus passed forth thence, **HE** (JESUS) saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and **HE** (JESUS) saith unto **HIM**(MATTHEW), follow **ME** (JESUS) And **HE**(MATTHEW) arose, and follwed **HIM** (JESUS)." (Matthew 9:9)

Without any stretch of the imagination, one can see that the **"He's"** and the **"Him's"** of the above narration do not refer to Jesus or Matthew as its author, but some third person writing what he saw and heard - a hearsay account. If we cannot even attribute this "book of dreams" (as the first Gospel is also described) to the disciple Matthew, how can we accept it as the Word of God? We are not alone in this discovery that Matthew did not write the **"Gospel according to St. Matthew"** and that it was written by some anonymous hand. J. B. Phillips concurs with us in our findings. He is the paid servant of the Anglican Church, a prebendary of the Chichester Cathedral, England. He would have no reason to lie or betray to the detriment of the official view of his Church! Refer to his introduction to the "Gospel of St. Matthew" (reproduced here on page 28). Phillips has this to say about its authorship.

"EARLY TRADITION ASCRIBED THIS GOSPEL TO THE APOSTLE MATTHEW, BUT SCHOLARS NOWADAYS **ALMOST ALL REJECT THIS VIEW."** In other words, St Matthew did not

(continued on page 29).

* The "so-called," because nowhere does the "New Testament" calls itself the New Testament, and nowhere the Old Testament calls itself the Old Testament. And also the word "Bible" is unknown within the pages of the Bible. God forgot to give a title to "HIS" books!

WHY "ACCORDING TO"?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Saint Matthew

?

"HE" AND "HIM" not MATTHEW!

ST. MATTHEW 9

Matthew Called

9 ¶ And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Saint Luke

?

FORASMUCH as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO → ?

Saint Mark

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO → ?

Saint John

"HE" AND "HIM" not JOHN!

ST. JOHN 19

35 And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

ST. JOHN 21

24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

The Conclusion

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

THE GOSPELS

translated into Modern English

by

J. B. PHILLIPS

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

The Master taught the disciples not to steal but here Matthew stole whole-sale from Mark!

Early tradition ascribed this Gospel to the apostle Matthew, but scholars nowadays almost all reject this view.

The author, whom we still can conveniently call Matthew, has plainly drawn on the mysterious "Q", which may have been a collection of oral traditions. He has used Mark's Gospel freely, though he has rearranged the order of events and has in several instances used different words for what is plainly the same story. The style is lucid, calm and "tidy". Matthew writes with a certain judiciousness as though he himself had carefully digested his material and is convinced not only of its truth but of the divine pattern that lies behind the historic facts.

If Matthew wrote, as is now generally supposed, somewhere between 85 and 90, this Gospel's value as a Christian document is enormous. It is, so to speak, a second generation view of Jesus Christ the Son of God and the Son of Man. It is being written at that distance in time from the great Event where sober reflection and sturdy conviction can perhaps give a better balanced portrait of God's unique revelation of Himself than could be given by those who were so close to the Light that they were partly dazzled by it.

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write the Gospel which bears his name. This is the finding of **Christian scholars** of the highest eminence - not of Hindus, Muslims and Jews who may be accused of bias. Let our Anglican friend continue: "THE AUTHOR, WHOM WE STILL CAN CONVENIENTLY CALL MATTHEW." **"Conveniently,"** because otherwise everytime we made a reference to "Matthew," we would have to say - **"THE FIRST BOOK OF THE NEW TESTAMENT"** Chapter so and so, verse so and so. And again and again **"The first book ..."** etc. Therefore, according to J. B. Phillips it is **convenient** that we give the book some name. So why not "Matthew?" Suppose its as good a name as any other! Phillips continues: "THE AUTHOR HAS PLAINLY DRAWN ON **THE MYSTERIOUS 'Q'** WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN A COLLECTION OF ORAL TRADITIONS." What is this **"mysterious 'Q'?"** "Q" is short for the German word **"quella,"** which means **"sources."** There is supposed to be another document - a common source - to which our present Matthew, Mark and Luke had access. All these three authors, whoever they were, had a common eye on the material at hand. They were writing as if looking through **"one"** eye. And because they saw eye to eye, the first three "Gospels" came to be known as the Synoptic Gospels.

WHOLESALE CRIBBING

But what about that **"inspiration"** business? The Anglican prebendary has hit the nail on the head. He is, more than anyone else, entitled to do so. A paid servant of the Church, an orthodox evangelical Christian, a Bible scholar of repute, having direct access to the "original" Greek manuscripts, let HIM spell it out for us.(Notice how gently he lets the cat out of the bag): **"HE** (Matthew) **HAS USED MARK'S GOSPEL FREELY,"** which in the language of the school-teacher - **"has been copying WHOLESALE from Mark!"** Yet the Christians call this wholesale plagiarism the Word of God?

Does it not make you wonder that an eye-witness and an ear-witness to the ministry of Jesus, which the disciple Matthew was supposed to be, instead of writing his own first hand impressions of the ministry of "his Lord," would go and steal from the writings of a youth (Mark), who was a ten year old lad when Jesus upbraided his nation? Why would an eye-witness and an ear-witness copy from a fellow who himself was writing from hearsay? The disciple Matthew would not do any such silly thing. For an anonymous document has been imposed on the fair name of Matthew.

PLAGIARISM OR LITERARY KIDNAPPING

Plagiarism means literary theft. Someone copies ad verbatim (word for word) from another's writing and palms it off as his own, is known as plagiarism. This is a common trait amongst the 40 or so anonymous authors of the books of the Bible. The Christians boast about a supposedly common chord amongst the writers of the 66 Protestant booklets and the writers of the 73 Roman Catholic booklets called the "Holy Bible." Some common chord there is, for Matthew and Luke, or whoever they were, had plagiarised 85% word for word from Mark! God Almighty did not dictate the same wordings to the synoptists (one-eyed). The Christians themselves admit this, because they do not believe in a verbal inspiration, as the Muslims do about the Holy Quŕán.[1]

The 85% plagiarism of Matthew and Luke pales into insignificance compared to the literary kidnapping of the authors of the Old Testament where a hundred percent stealing occurs in the so-called Book of God. Christian scholars of the calibre of Bishop Kenneth Cragg euphemistically calls this stealing, "reproduction"[2] and take pride in it.

PERVERTED STANDARDS

Dr. Scroggie (referred to earlier on) most enthusiastically quotes in his book[3] a Dr. Joseph Parker for his unique eulogy of the Bible:

"WHAT A BOOK IS THE BIBLE IN THE MATTER OF VARIETY OF CONTENTS! . . . WHOLE PAGES ARE TAKEN UP WITH OBSCURE NAMES, AND MORE IS TOLD OF A GENEALOGY THAN OF THE DAY OF JUDGMENT. STORIES ARE HALF TOLD, AND THE NIGHT FALLS BEFORE WE CAN TELL WHERE VICTORY LAY. WHERE IS THERE ANYTHING" (in the Religious Literature of the world) "TO CORRESPOND WITH THIS?" A beautiful necklace of words and phrases undoubtedly! It is much ado about nothing, and rank blasphemy against God Almighty for authorising such an embarrassing hotch potch. Yet the Christians gloat over the very defects of their book, like Romeo over the "mole" on Juliet's lip!

1. Write for your free copy of **"AL-QURAN - The Ultimate Miracle"** which proves mathematically that the Holy Quŕán is a word for word and a letter by letter revelation from the Almighty God.
2. See page 1 for full quotation.
3. "**Is the Bible the Word of God?"** by the Moody Press.

NOTHING LESS THAN 100%

To demonstrate the degree of plagiarism practised by the "inspired" Bible writers, I asked my audience during a symposium at the University of Cape Town conducted between myself and Professor Cumpsty the Head of the Department of Theology on the subject "**Is the Bible God's Word?"** to open their Bibles.

Some Christians are very fond of carrying their Bibles under their arms when religious discussions or debates take place. They seem to be utterly helpless without this book. At my suggestion a number of the audience began ruffling the pages. I asked them to open chapter 37 in the **"Book of Isaiah."** When the audience was ready, I asked them to compare my "Isaiah 37" with their "Isaiah 37" while I read, to see whether they were identical. I began, reading slowly. Verses 1, 2, 4, 10, 15, and so on, until the end of the chapter. I kept on asking after every verse if what I had been reading, was identical with the verses in their Bibles. Again and again they chorused - "Yeh!", "Yeh!". At the end of the chapter with the Bible still open in my hands at the place from which I had been reading, I made the Chairman to reveal to the audience that I was not reading from Isaiah 37 at all but from **2 KINGS 19!** There was a terrible consternation in the audience! I had thus established 100% plagiarism in the "Holy Bible." (See page 32)

In other words, Isaiah 37 and 2 Kings 19 are identical word for word. Yet they have been attributed to two different authors, centuries apart, whom the Christians claim have been inspired by God.

Who is copying whom? Who is stealing from whom? The 32 renowned Bible scholars of the RSV say that the author of the Book of Kings is **"UNKNOWN!"** See page 59 for a reproduction from the RSV by **"Collins'".** These notes on the Bible were prepared and edited by the Right Rev. David J. Fant, Litt. D., General Secretary of the New York Bible Society. Naturally, if the Most Reverend gentleman of Christiandom had an iota of belief about the Bible being the Word of God, they would have said so, but they honestly (shamefacedly?) confess: **"Author - UNKNOWN!"** They are prepared to pay lip service to Scriptures which could have been penned by any Tom, Dick or Harry and expect everyone to regard these as the Word of God - Heaven forbid!

NO VERBAL INSPIRATION

(For a complete list of all the books of the Bible and their

100% PLAGIARISM

II KINGS 19

AND it came to pass, when king Hĕz-ē-kī′-ăh heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Ē-lī′-ă-kim, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hĕz-ē-kī′-ăh, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth.

5 So the servants of king Hĕz-ē-kī′-ăh came to Isaiah.

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hĕz-ē-kī′-ăh king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Thĕl′-ă-sär?

14 ¶ And Hĕz-ē-kī′-ăh received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hĕz-ē-kī′-ăh prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest *between* the chĕr′-ū-bims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

36 So Sĕn-năch′-ĕr-ib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nĭn′-ĕ-vēh.

37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nĭs′-rŏch his god, that Ă-drăm′-mĕ-lĕch and Shă-rē′-zĕr his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Ē-sär-hăd′-dŏn his son reigned in his stead.

ISAIAH 37

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authors, avail yourself of the **"Collins'"** R.S.V. 'with' its annotations). What have Christian scholars to say about the **"Book of Isaiah?"** They say: **"MAINLY** CREDITED TO ISAIAH. PARTS **MAY HAVE BEEN** WRITTEN BY **OTHERS."** In view of the confessions of Bible scholars, we will not take poor Isaiah to task. Can we then nail this **plagiarism** on the door of God? What blasphemy! Professor Cumptsy confirmed at question time, at the end of the aforementioned symposium that the **"Christians do not believe in a verbal inspiration of the Bible."** So God Almighty had not absent-mindedly dictated the same tale twice! Human hands, all too human, had played havoc with this so-called Word of God - the Bible. Yet, Bible-thumpers will insist that "every word, comma and full stop of the Bible is God's Word!"

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE ACID TEST

How do we know that a book claimed to be from God is really the Book of God? One of the tests, out of the many such tests, is - that a message emanating from an Omniscient Being MUST be consistent with itself. It ought to be free from all discrepancies and contradictions. This is exactly what the **LAST** TESTAMENT, the Book of God says:

DO THEY NOT CONSIDER THE QUR'AN (WITH CARE)	أَفَلَا يَتَدَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ ۚ
HAD IT BEEN FROM ANY OTHER THAN ALLAH	وَلَوْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ
THEY WOULD HAVE FOUND THEREIN MANY A DISCREPANCY	لَوَجَدُوا فِيهِ اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا ۝

(Holy Qur'an 4:82)

GOD OR THE DEVIL?
If God Almighty wants us to verify the authenticity of His Book (The Holy Qur-án) with this acid test, why should we not apply the very same test to any other Book claiming to be from Him? We do not want to bamboozle anybody with words as the Christians have been doing. It would be readily agreed from the references, I have given from Christian scholars, that they have been proving to us that the Bible is **NOT** the Word of God, yet making us believe that they have actually convinced us to the contrary.

A classic example of this sickness was in evidence again only "yesterday." The Anglican synod was in session in Grahamstown. The Most Rev. Bill Burnett, the Archbishop was preaching to his flock. He created a confusion in his Anglican community. An erudite Englishman, addressing a group of learned English

priests and bishops, in their own mother-tongue - English, which his learned colleagues drastically misunderstood: to such an extent that Mr. McMillan, perhaps also an Anglican, the Editor of an English daily - **"The Natal Mercury,"** dated December 11, 1979, had this to say about the confusion the Archbishop had created among his own learned clergy:

"ARCHBISHOP BURNETT'S REMARKS AT THE SYNOD WERE **HARDLY A MODEL OF CLARITY** AND WERE **WIDELY** AND **DRAMATICALLY MISINTERPRETED** BY **MANY** OF THOSE PRESENT."

There is nothing wrong with English as a language, but can't you see that the Christian is trained in muddled thinking in all matters religious. The "bread" in his Holy Communion is not "bread" but "flesh?" The "wine" is "blood?" "Three is one?" and "Human is Divine?" But don't make a mistake, he is not that simple when dealing with the earthly kingdom, he is then most precise. You will have to be doubly careful when entering into a contract with him! He can have you sold out, without you realising it.

The examples that I shall furnish in substantiating the points I have raised about the contradictions in the so-called Book of God, would be found so easy even for a child to follow and understand. See page 36.

You will observe that the authors of the books of **"Chronicles"** and of **"Samuel"** are telling us the same story about David taking a census of the Jews. Where did David get his "inspiration" to do this novel deed? The author of 2 Samuel 24:1 says that it was the **"LORD"** God who MOVED (RSV: "incited") David, but the author of 1 Chronicles 21:1 says that it was **"SATAN"** who PROVOKED (RSV: "incited") David to do such a dastardly thing! How could the Almighty God have been the source of these contradictory **"INSPIRATIONS?"** Is it God **or** is it Satan! In which religion is the DEVIL synonymous with GOD! I am not talking about "Satanism," a recent fungus growth of Christianity, in which ex-Christians worship the Devil. Christianity has been most prolific of spawning isms, Atheism, Communism, Fascism, Totalitarianism, Nazism, Mormonism, Moonism, Christian Scientism and now Satanism. What else will Christianity give birth to?

The "Holy Bible" lends itself to all kinds of contradictory interpretations. This is the Christian boast! "SOME CLAIM AND RIGHTLY SO, THAT BIBLICAL PASSAGES HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY MISUSED AND MISAPPROPRIATED TO JUSTIFY ALMOST EVERY EVIL KNOWN TO MAN" (From: **"The Plain Truth"** an American-based Christian Journal under the

II SAMUEL 24

The Numbering

AND again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.

While the author of Samuel 24 above, makes God the boss of the situation, the author of Chronicles, below:

I CHRONICLES 21

The Numbering

AND Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

apart from showing allegiance to God as is noted elsewhere, also gives the devil his due. This dichotomy on the part of the author of Chronicles reminds one of the story of the old woman who lit one candle to St. Michael and another to the devil. St. Michael was trampling underfoot, so that whether she went to Heaven or Hell, she would have a friend. This Chronicles fellow, made sure that he had a friend at court Above, as well as a friend at court Below. He wanted to have it both ways, or wanted to have his cake, and eat it too.

heading: **"THE BIBLE - World's Most Controversial Book."** (July 1975).

WHO ARE THE REAL AUTHORS?
As further evidence will be adduced from **"Samuel"** and **"Chronicles,"** I deem it advisable first to determine their authors instead of suspecting God of those books' incongruities. The Revisers of the RSV say:

a. SAMUEL: Author **"Unknown"** (Just one word)
b. CHRONICLES: Author **"Unknown,** probably collected and edited by Ezra."

We must admire the humility of these Bible scholars, but their **"possiblys," "probablys"** and **"likelys"** are always construed as ACTUALLY'S by their fleeced sheep. Why make poor Ezra or Isaiah the scapegoats for these anonymous writers?

THREE OR SEVEN?
Note the reproduction of page 38. Compare both the quotations. 2 Samuel 24:13 tells us - **"So Gad came to David,** AND TOLD HIM, and said unto him, ..." These words are repeated word for word in 1 Chronicles 21:11, except the redundant **"AND TOLD HIM"** is removed! But while trimming the useless phrase, the author also pruned the time factor from 'SEVEN" years to "THREE" years. What did God say to Gad - **Three** or **Seven** years plague - "on both your houses?"

EIGHT OR EIGHTEEN?
See page 39. Compare the two quotations. 2 Chronicles 36:9 tells us that JEHOIACHIN was **"eight"** years old when he began to reign, while 2 Kings 24:8 says that he was **"eighteen"** when he began to reign. The **"unknown"** author of KINGS must have reasoned that what possible "evil" could a child of eight do to deserve his abdication, so he generously added ten years to make JEHOIACHIN mature enough to become liable to God's wrath. However, he had to balance his tampering, so he cut short his reign by 10 days! Add **TEN** years to age and deduct **TEN** days from rule? Could God Almighty say two widely differing things on the same subject?

CAVALRY OR INFANTRY?
Compare the two quotations on page 40. How many chariot riders did David slay? Seven **hundred** or seven **thousand?** And further, did he slay 40 000 "HORSEMEN" or 40 000 "FOOTMEN?" The implication in the conflicting records between 2 Samuel 10:18 and 1 Chronicles 19:18 is not only that

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WHAT DID THE LORD DECREE 3 YEARS FAMINE OR 7 YEARS FAMINE?

The Plague

II SAMUEL 24:13

13 So Gad came to David,
and told him, and said unto
him, Shall seven years of fam-
ine come unto thee in thy
land? or wilt thou flee three
months before thine enemies,
while they pursue thee?

I CHRONICALES 21:11

11 So Gad came to David,
and said unto him, Thus saith
the LORD, Choose thee
12 Either three years' fam-
ine; or three months to be
destroyed before thy foes,
while that the sword of thine
enemies overtaketh *thee;*

If God is the author of every single word, comma and full-stop in the Bible, as the Christians claim, then is He the Author of the above arithmetical discrepancy as well?

HOW OLD WAS JEHOIACHIN?
8 OR 18?

Between Eight and Eighteen years, there is a gap or difference of a full 10 years. Can we say (God forbid!) that the all-knowing Almighty could not count, and thus did not know the difference between 8 and 18? If we are to believe in the Bible as the Word of God, then the Dignity and Status of the Lord Almighty will hit an all-time low!

II CHRONICLES 36

9 ¶ Jehoiachin *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.

II KINGS 24

8 ¶ Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

700 or 7 000?

It is certainly naught for Bible-lovers' comfort that a whole nought (0) was either added to 700, or subtracted from 7 000, thus making the confused Biblical Mathematics even more confounded!*

II SAMUEL 10

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there.

I CHRONICLES 19

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel: and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand *men which fought in* chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

GOD CONFUSED BETWEEN "CAVALRY" AND "INFANTRY" ?

As for the "inspired writers" of the Bible not knowing the difference between **"footmen"** and **"horsemen,"** is all the more serious because God himself here stands accused, as a source of that "inspiration" for not knowing the difference between cavalry and infantry. Or is it possible that the Syrians who fled before Israel were centaurs (i.e. a race of creatures with the body and legs of a horse and the torso, head and arms of a man). Is it possible that these "creatures" had suddenly stepped out of Classical Mythology to bemuse the all too gullible authors.

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* See page 43/44 for remarks on the Zero.

God could not discern the difference between hundreds and thousands, but that He could not even distinguish **"CAVALRY"** from **"INFANTRY!"** It is obvious that blasphemy masquerades in the Christian dictionary as "inspiration!"

PRACTICAL HOME-WORK

Solomon in his glory began building a royal palace for himself which took him thirteen years. We learn this from the 1st Book of Kings, chapter 7. You remember Dr. Parker's boast (Page 30) about **"whole pages being taken up by obscure names?"** Well, for sheer puerility you cannot beat this chapter 7 and Ezekiel chapter 45. You owe it to yourself to read it just once in your lifetime. After that, you will really appreciate the Holy Quŕán! If you do not own a Bible, and if you are a Muslim, you will get a free copy from the address at the bottom of this page. You may then colour the various references from this booklet in your Bible. **"Yellow"** for all contradictions, use **"Red"** for pornographic passages, and **"Green"** for sensible, acceptable quotations as the ones I have mentioned at the beginning of this essay - that is words that you can effortlessly recognize as being those of God and His Holy Messengers. With just this preparation, you will be ready to confute and confuse any missionary or Bible scholar that comes your way! "IF WE PERSPIRE MORE IN TIMES OF PEACE, WE WILL BLEED LESS IN TIMES OF WAR." (Chiang Kai-Shek)

HOW HYGIENIC?

Turn, now, to page 42 and note that the author of 1 Kings 7:26 has counted 2 000 baths in Solomon's palace, but the author of 2 Chronicles 4:5 increases the kingly count by 50% to 3 000! What extravagance and error in the "Book of God?" Even if God Almighty had nothing else to do, would He occupy Himself "inspiring" such trivial contradictory nonsense to the Jews? Is the Bible God's Book? Is it the Word of God?

PILED CONTRADICTIONS

before I conclude this series of contradictions, let me give you just one more example. There are hundreds of others in the Bible. See page 43. It is Solomon again. He really does things in a big way. The ex-Shah of Iran was a nursery kid by comparison! The author of 2 Chronicles 9:25 gives Solomon one thousand more stalls of horses than the number of baths he had given him. **"And Solomon had FOUR thousand** stalls for horses..." But the

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THE DIFFERENCE 2 000 AND 3 000
IS ONLY 50% EXAGGERATION!

I KINGS 7

26 And it *was* an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

II CHRONICLES 4

5 And the thickness of it *was* an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thousand baths.

Whether it is witting or unwitting, the "inspired" writer's singular inability to grasp the difference between 2 000 and 3 000 is unforgivable. It is an obvious contradiction. "AND NO MIRACLE WOULD PROVE THAT TWO AND TWO MAKES FIVE, OR THAT A CIRCLE HAS FOUR ANGELS; AND NO MIRACLES HOWEVER NUMEROUS COULD REMOVE A CONTRADICTION WHICH LIES ON THE SURFACE OF THE TEACHINGS AND RECORDS OF CHRISTIANITY." - (Albert Schweizer), from his book: **"In Search of the Historical Jesus."** Page 22.

The Difference between 4 thousand and 40 thousand

II CHRONICLES

CHAPTER 9

25 ¶ And Solomon had four
thousand stalls for horses and
chariots, and twelve thousand
horsemen; whom he bestowed
in the chariot cities, and with
the king at Jerusalem.

is only 36 000!

I KINGS

CHAPTER 4

26 ¶ And Solomon had forty
thousand stalls of horses for
his chariots, and twelve thou-
sand horsemen.

The Jews did not use The "0" (Zero) in the Old Testament

author of 1 Kings 4:26 had real kingly thoughts about his royal patron. He multiplied Solomon's stalls by 1 000% - from 4 000 to 40 000 stalls of horses! Before some glib evangelist draws the wool over your eyes that the difference is only a nought, a zero - "0"; that some scribe or copyist had inadvertently added a zero to 4 000 to make it 40 000, let me tell you that the Jews in the time of Solomon knew nothing about the zero - "0"! It was the Arabs who introduced the zero to the Middle East and to Europe centuries later. The Jews spelt out their figures in words in their literary works and did not write them in numerals. Our Question is - Who was the real author of this staggering discrepency of 36 000? Was it God or man? You will find these references and many more allied facts in a very comprehensive book - **"THE BIBLE - Word of God or Word of Man?"** by A. S. K. Joommal.

CHAPTER EIGHT

MOST OBJECTIVE TESTIMONY

The Christian propagandist is very fond of quoting the following verse as proof that his Bible is the Word of God.

"All scripture IS given by inspiration of God and IS profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16 - AV by Scofield)

Note the "IS's" in capitals. Rev. Scofield is telling us silently that they do not occur in the original Greek. **"THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE,"** translated by a committee representing the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church, the Congregational Church, the Baptist Union, the Presbyterian Church of England, etc., etc., **and** the BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY has produced the closest translation of the original Greek which deserves to be reproduced here:
"EVERY INSPIRED SCRIPTURE HAS ITS USE FOR TEACHING THE TRUTH AND REFUTING ERROR, OR FOR REFORMATION OF MANNERS AND DISCIPLINE IN RIGHT LIVING." (2 Timothy 3:16)

The Roman Catholics in their "Douay" Version, are also more faithful to the text than the Protestants in their Authorised Version (AV). They say: "ALL SCRIPTURE, INSPIRED OF GOD, IS PROFITABLE TO TEACH, TO REPROVE, TO CORRECT ..."

We will not quibble with words. Muslims and Christians are agreed that whatever emanates from God, whether through inspiration or by revelation, must serve one of four purposes:-

1. It must either teach us **DOCTRINE;**
2. **REPROVE** us for our error;
3. Offer us **CORRECTION;**
4. Guide us into **RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

I have been asking learned men of Christianity for the past forty years, whether they can supply a **FIFTH** "peg" to hang the Word of God on. They have failed signally. That does not mean that I have improved upon their performance. Let us examine the **"Holy Bible"** with these objective tests.

NOT FAR TO SEEK
The very first book of the Bible - **Genesis** - provides us with many beautiful examples. Open chapter 38 and read. We are given here the history* of Judah, the father of the Jewish race, from whom we derive the names **"Judea"** and **"Judaism."** This patriarch of the Jews got married and God granted him three sons, Er, Onan and Shelah. When the first-born was big enough, Judah had him married to a lady called Tamar. "BUT ER, JUDAH'S FIRST-BORN **WAS WICKED** IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD; AND THE **LORD SLEW HIM."**(Genesis 38:7). Under what heading, from the above four principles of Timothy will you place this sad news? The **second** - "REPROVE" is the answer. Er was wicked so God killed him. A lesson for all, God will destroy us for our wickedness. **REPROOF!**

Continuing with this Jewish history, according to their custom, if a brother died and left no offspring, it was the duty of the other brother to give "seed" to his sisters-in-law so that the deceased's name might be perpetuated. Judah, in honour of this custom, orders his second son Onan to do his duty. But Jealousy enters his heart. It will be **his seed** but the name will be his brother's! So at the critical moment "HE **SPILLED IT** ON THE GROUND...AND THE THING HE DID **DISPLEASED THE LORD:** WHEREFORE HE **SLEW HIM ALSO."** (Genesis 38:9-10). Again, where does this slaying fit into Timothy's tests? "REPROOF!" is the answer again. No prizes are offered for these easy answers. They are so basic. Do wrong and bear the consequence! Onan is forgotten in the "Book of God," but Christian sexologists have immortalized him by referring to "coitus interruptus," as Onanism in their "Books of Sex."

Now Judah tells his daughter-in-law, Tamar, to return to her father's house until his third son Shelah attains manhood, when she will be brought back so that he can do his duty.

A WOMAN'S REVENGE
Shelah grows up and is, perhaps, married to another woman. But Judah had not fulfilled his obligation to Tamar. Deep in his **heart** he is terrified. He has already lost two sons on account of this "witch," - "LEST PERADVENTURE HE (Shelah) DIE ALSO, AS HIS BRETHERN DID." (Genesis 38:11). So Judah conveniently forgets his promise. The aggrieved young lady resolves to take revenge on her father-in-law for depriving her of her "seed" right.

* You remember Dr. Kenneth Cragg in his **"Call of the Minaret"** and his **"HISTORY."** See full quotation on page one. This is that "history."

Tamar learned that Judah is going to Timnath to sheer his sheep. She plans to get even with him on the way. She forestalls him, and goes and sits in an open place en route to Timnath. When Judah sees her, he thinks she is a harlot because she has covered her face. He comes up to her and proposes - "ALLOW ME TO COME IN UNTO THEE; AND SHE SAID WHAT WILT THOU GIVE ME, THAT THOU MAYEST COME IN UNTO ME?" He promises that he would send her a goat kid from his flock. What guarantee could she have that he would send it? What guarantee did she require, Judah queried. "His ring, his bracelet and his staff" is the ready answer. The old man hands these possessions to her, and "CAME IN UNTO HER, AND SHE CONCEIVED BY HIM." (Genesis 38:16-18).

THE MORAL LESSON
Before we seek the heading from Timothy 3:16, under which to categorize this filthy, dirty story from the "Book of God," I am tempted to ask, as you would be tempted to ask: what is the moral (?) lesson that our children will learn from Tamar's sweet revenge? Of course we do tell our children, fables, not really for their entertainment value, but that through them some moral may be imparted."The Fox and the Grapes," "The Wolf and the Lamb," "The Dog and his Shadow," etc. However simple or silly the story, a **moral** is aimed at.

'CHRISTIAN PARENTAL DILEMMAS'
Dr. Vernon Jones, an American psychologist of repute, carried out experiments on groups of schoolchildren to whom certain stories had been told. The heroes of the stories were the same in the case of the different groups of children, but the heroes behaved contradictorily to each group. To one group "St. George," slaying the dragon emerged a very brave figure, but in another group, fleeing in terror and seeking shelter in his mother's lap. "THESE STORIES MADE CERTAIN SLIGHT BUT PERMANENT CHANGES IN CHARACTER, EVEN IN THE NARROW CLASSROOM SITUATION," concluded Dr. Jones.

How much more permanent damage the rapes and murders, incests and beastialities of the "Holy Bible" has done to the children of Christendom, can be measured from reports in our daily newspapers. If such is the source of Western morality, it is no little wonder, then, that Methodists and Roman Catholics have already solemnized, marriages between HOMOSEXUALS in their "Houses of God." And 8 000 "gays" (an euphemistic term for sodomites) parade their "wares" in London's Hyde Park in July 1979, to the acclaim of the news and TV media.

You must get that "Holy Bible" and read the whole chapter 38 of Genesis. Mark in **"red"** the words and phrases deserving this adornment. We had reached verse 18 in our moral (?) lesson - "AND SHE CONCEIVED HIM."

CAN'T HIDE FOR EVER

Three months later, as things were bound to turn out, news reached Judah that his daughter-in-law, Tamar, had played the "harlot" and that she was with "CHILD BY WHOREDOM AND JUDAH SAID, BRING HER FORTH, AND LET HER BE BURNT." (Genesis 38:24). Judah had deliberately spurned her as a "witch" and now he sadistically wants to burn her. But this wiley Jewess was one up on the old man. She sent the "ring," the "bracelet," and the "staff," with a servant, beseeching her father-in-law to find the culprit responsible for her pregnancy. Judah was in a fix. He confessed that his daughter-in-law was more "RIGHTEOUS" than himself, and "HE KNEW HER AGAIN NO MORE." (verse 26). It is quite an experience to compare the choice of language in which the different Versions describe the same incident. The Jehovah's Witnesses in their **"New World Translation"** translate the last quotation as - "HE HAD NO FURTHER INTERCOURSE WITH HER AFTER THAT."* This is not the last we will hear about in the "Book of God" of this Tamar whom the Gospel writers have immortalized in their "Genealogy of their Lord."

INCEST HONOURED

I don not want to bore you with details but the end verses of Genesis 38 deal with a duel in Tamar's womb: about the twins struggling for ascendancy. The Jews were very meticulous about recording their "first borns." The first-born got the lion's share of their father's patrimony. Who are the lucky winners in this prenatal race? There are four in this unique contest. They are **"PHAREZ** and **ZARAH** of **TAMAR** by **JUDAH."** How? You will see presently. But first, let us have the moral. What is the moral in this episode? You remember Er and Onan: how God destroyed them for their several sins? And the lessons we have learnt in each case was **"REPROOF."** Under what category of Timothy will you place the incest of Judah, and his illegitimate progeny? All these characters are honoured in the "Book of God" for their bastardy. They become the great grandfathers and great grandmothers of the **"only begotten son of God.'(?)**

See Matthew 1:3. In every version of the Bible, the Christians

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* The Jehovah's Witness Version is more explicit in its choice of words. It does not hesitate to call a spade a spade! Compare Ezekiel 23 with any other Version, and see the difference.

have varied the spelling of these characters' names from those obtained in the Old Testament (Genesis chapter 38) with those contained in the New Testament (Matthew chapter 1) to put the reader off the scent. From PHAREZ in the "Old" to PARES in the "New," and ZARAH to ZARA and TAMAR to THAMAR. But what about the moral? God blesses Judah for his incestuous crime! So if you do "evil" (Er), God will slay you; if you spill "seed" (Onan), God will kill you, but a daughter-in-law (Lamat) who vengefully and guilefully collect her father-in-law's (Judah's) "seed" is rewarded. Under what category will the Christians place this "honour" in the "Book of God?" Where does it fit? Is it...Your?

1. **DOCTRINE?**
2. **REPROOF?**
3. **CORRECTION?** or
4. **INSTRUCTION INTO RIGHTEOUSNESS?**

Ask him who comes and knocks at your door - that professional preacher, that hot-gospeller, that Bible-thumper. Here, he deserves a prize if he can grant an explanation for the correct answer. There is none born who can justify this filth, this pornography under any of the above headings. But a heading has to be given. It can only be recorded under - "PORNOGRAPHY!"

BAN THE BOOK!
George Bernard Shaw said, "THE MOST DANGEROUS BOOK (the Bible) ON EARTH, KEEP IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY." Keep the Bible out of your children's reach. But who will follow his advice? He was not a "B.A.,[1] a "reborn" Christian.

According to the high moral scruples of the Christian rulers of South Africa, who have banned the Book, **"Lady Chatterley's Lover,"** because of a "tetragrammaton" - a four-letter word, they would most assuredly have placed a ban on the "Holy Bible" if it had been a Hindu religious Book, or a Muslim religious Book. But they are utterly helpless against their own "Holy Book," their "SALVATION" depends upon it!

1. "B.A." short for **"born again"** it is a new sickness. It destroyed the "SUICIDE CULT" of Rev. Jim Jones, in Jonestown, Guyana.

> Reading Bible stories to children can also open up all sorts of opportunities to discuss the morality of sex. An unexpurgated Bible might get an X-rating from some censors,
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> *The* PLAIN TRUTH October 1977

DAUGHTERS SEDUCE THEIR FATHER

Read Genesis 19, verses 30 to the end and mark again in **"red"** the words and phrases deserving this honour. Do not hesitate and procrastinate. Your "coloured" Bible will become a priceless heirloom for your children. I agree with Shaw, to keep the Bible "under lock and key," but we need this weapon to meet the Christian challenge. The prophet of Islam said that "WAR IS STRATEGY," and strategy demands that we use the weapons of our enemy. It is not what we like and what we do not like. It is what we are forced to use against the "ONE BOOK" (Bible) professors, who are knocking at our doors with **"the Bible says this"** and **"the Bible says that."** They want us to exchange our Holy Quŕán for their "Holy Bible." Show them the holes in the "holiness" which they have not yet seen. At times these zombies pretend to see the filth for the first time. They have been programmed with selected verses for their propagation.

To continue: the "history" has it that, night after night, the daughters of Lot seduce their drunken father with the noble (?) motive of preserving their father's **"seed."** "Seed" figures very prominently in this "Holy Book": forty seven times in the little booklet of Genesis alone! Out of this another incestuous relationship come the **"Ammonites"** and the **"Moabites,"** for whom the God of Israel was supposed to have had a special compassion. Later on in the Bible we learn that the Jews are ordered by the same compassionate God to slaughter the Philistines mercilessly - men, women and children. Even trees and animals are not to be spared, but the Amonites and the Moabites are not to be **"distressed"** or **"meddled"** with because they are the seed of Lot! (Deuteronomy 2:19)

No decent reader can read the seduction of Lot to his mother, sister or daughter, not even to his fiancée if she is a chaste and moral woman. Yet you will come across perverted people who will gorge this filth. Tastes can be cultivated!

Read again and mark Ezekiel 23. You will know what colour to choose. The "whoredoms" of the two sisters, Aholah and Aholibah. The sexual details here puts to shame even the unexpurgated edition of many banned books. Ask your "born again" Christian visitors, under what category will they classify all this lewdness? Such filth certainly has no place in any "Book of God."

Al-Haj A.D. Ajijola in his book - **"the Myth of the Cross,"** gives a masterly exposé of the fallacy of the Bible as well as of the crucifixion, in short, of the whole of Christianity. No student of comparative religion can afford to be without this publication and **"THE BIBLE: Word of God or Word of Man?"** mentioned earlier on page 44.

CHAPTER NINE

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS

Watch now how the Christian fathers have foisted the incestuous progenies of the Old Testament upon their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in the New Testament. For a man who had no genealogy, they have manufactured one for him. And what a genealogy! Six adulterers and offsprings of incest are imposed upon this holy man of God. Men and women deserving to be stoned to death according to God's own law, as revealed through Moses, and further to be ostracised and debarred from the House of God for generations.[1]

IGNOBLE ANCESTRY
Why should God give a "father" (Joseph) to His "son" (Jesus)? And why such an ignoble ancestry? **"This is the whole beauty of it,"** says the pervert. **"God loved the sinners so much that he disdaineth not to give such progenitors for His 'son.'"**

ONLY TWO COMMISSIONED
Of the four Gospel writers, God "inspired" only two of them to record the genealogy of His "son." To make it easy for you to compare the "fathers and grandfathers" of Jesus Christ in both the "inspired" lists, I have culled the names only, minus the verbiage. See page 53. Between David and Jesus, God "inspired" Matthew to record only 26 ancestors for His "son." But Luke, also "inspired," gathered up 41 forefathers for Jesus. The only name common to these two lists between David and Jesus is **JOSEPH** and that, too, a "supposed" father according to Luke 3:23 (AV). This one name is glaring. You need no fine-tooth comb to catch him. It is Joseph the carpenter. You will also easily observe that the lists are grossly contradictory. Could both the lists have emanated from the same source, i.e. God?

FULFILLING PROPHECY?
Matthew and Luke are over-zealous in making **DAVID** the King, the prime ancestor of Jesus, because of that false notion

1. "The **bastard** shall not enter the congregation of the Lord even unto the tenth generation." (Deut. 23:2 - AV). The "Witnesses" have been hyper sensitive to this word. Swallowing the camel and straining at the gnat!

GENEALOGY From DAVID TO JESUS

DAVID

According to MATTHEW 1:6-16

1. SOLOMON
2. ROBOAM
3. ABIA
4. ASA
5. JOSAPHAT
6. JORAM
7. OZIAS
8. JOATHAM
9. ACHAZ
10. EZEKIAS
11. MANASSES
12. AMON
13. JOSIAS
14. JECHONIAS
15. SALATHIEL
16. ZOROBABEL
17. ABIUD
18. ELIAKIM
19. AZOR
20. SADOC
21. ACHIM
22. ELIUD
23. ELEAZAR
24. MATTHAN
25. JOCOB
26. **JOSEPH**

According To LUKE 3:23-31

1. NATHAN
2. MATTATHA
3. MENAN
4. MELEA
5. ELIAKIM
6. JONAN
7. JOSEPH
8. JUDA
9. SIMEON
10. LEVI
11. MATTHAT
12. JORIM
13. ELIEZER
14. JOSE
15. ER
16. ELMODAM
17. COSAM
18. ADDI
19. MELCHI
20. NERI
21. SALATHIEL
22. ZOROBABEL
23. RHESA
24. JOANNA
25. JUDA
26. JOSEPH
27. SEMEI
28. MATTATHIAS
29. MAATH
30. NAGGE
31. ESLI
32. NAUM
33. AMOS
34. MATTATHIAS
35. JOSEPH
36. JANNA
37. MELCHI
38. LEVI
39. MATTHAT
40. HELI
41. **JOSEPH**

JESUS

that Jesus was to sit on the "THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID" (Acts 2:30). The Gospels belie this prophecy, for they tell us that instead of Jesus sitting on his father's (David's) throne, it was Pontious Pilate, a Roman Governor, a pagan who sat on that very throne and condemned its rightful (?) heir (Jesus) to death. "Never mind," says the evangelist, **"if not in his first coming, then in his second coming he will fulfill this prophecy and three hundred others beside."** But with their extravagant enthusiasm to trace the ancestry of Jesus **physically** to David, (for this is actually what the Bible says - **THAT OF THE FRUIT OF HIS** (David's) **LOINS, ACCORDING TO THE FLESH"** (literally, not metaphorically Acts 2:30), both the "inspired" authors trip and fall on the very first step.

Matthew 1:6 says that Jesus was the son of **David** through SOLOMON, but Luke 3:31 says that he (Jesus) was the son of **David** through NATHAN. One need not be a gynaecologist to tell that by no stretch of the imagination could the seed of David reach the mother of Jesus both through Solomon and Nathan at the same time! We know that both the authors are confounded liars, because Jesus was conceived miraculously, without any male intervention. Even if we concede a physical ancestry through David, both authors would still be proved liars for the obvious reason.

BREAKING PREJUDICE

As simple as the above logic is, the Christian is so emotionally involved that it will not penetrate his prejudiced mind. Let us give him an identical example, but one where he can afford to be objective.

We know from history that Muhammed the Prophet of Islam, was the son of Abraham through ISHMAEL, so if some "inspired" writer came along and tried to palm off his "revelation" to the effect that Muhummed was the son of Abraham through ISAAC, we would, without any hesitation, brand such a writer as a liar, because the seed of Abraham could never reach Amina (Muhummed's mother) through Ishmael and through Isaac at the same time! The differences of lineage between these two sons of Abraham is the difference between the JEWS and the ARABS.

In the case of Muhummed, we would know then that anyone who says that Isaac is his progenitor, was a liar. But in the case of Jesus both Matthew and Luke are suspect. Until the Christians decide which line of ancestors they prefer for their "god," both Gospels will have to be rejected. Christendom has been battling

tooth and nail with these genealogies for the past 2 000 years, trying to unravel the mystery. They have not given up yet. We admire their perserverance. They still believe that **"TIME WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEM."**

"THERE ARE CLAIMED CONTRADICTIONS THAT THEOLOGIANS HAVE NOT RESOLVED TO EVERY ATHEIST'S SATISFACTION. THERE ARE TEXTUAL DIFFICULTIES WITH WHICH SCHOLARS ARE **STILL WRESTLING.** ONLY A BIBLE ILLITERATE WOULD DENY THESE AND OTHER PROBLEMS." **"The Plain Truth,"** July 1975.

THE SOURCE OF LUKE'S "INSPIRATION"

We have already nailed 85% of Matthew and Luke to Mark or that **"mysterious 'Q'."**[1] Let us now allow Luke to tell us who "inspired" him to tell his **"most excellent Theophilus"** (Luke 1:3) the story of Jesus. See page 56 for Luke's preamble to his "Gospel." He tells us plainly that he was only following in the footsteps of others who were less qualified than himself, others who had the temerity to write accounts of his hero (Jesus). As a physician, as against fishermen and tax collectors, he was no doubt better equipped to create a literary masterpiece. This he did, because **"IT SEEMED GOOD TO ME ALSO"** to **"PUT IN ORDER."** These are his prominent justifications over his predecessors.

In the introduction to his translation of the **"Gospel of St. Luke,"** A Christian scholar J. B. Phillips, has this to say - "ON HIS OWN ADMISSION LUKE HAS CAREFULLY COMPARED AND EDITED EXISTING MATERIAL,BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT HE HAD ACCESS TO A GOOD DEAL OF ADDITIONAL MATERIAL, AND WE CAN REASONABLY GUESS AT SOME OF THE SOURCES FROM WHICH HE DREW." And yet you call this the Word of God? Obtain **"The Gospels in Modern English,"** in soft cover by 'FONTANA' publications. It is a cheap edition. Get it quickly before the Christians decide to have Phillips' invaluable notes expunged from his translation! And do not be surprised if the authors of the RSV also decide to eliminate the "Preface"[2] from their translation. It is an old, old habit. As soon as those who have vested interests in Christianity realize that they have inadvertently let the cat out of the bag, they quickly make amends. They make my current references "past" history overnight!

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1. Refer pages 28, 29.
2. See page 11.

WHY LUKE WROTE "HIS" GOSPEL?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Saint Luke

FORASMUCH as many
have taken in hand to
set forth in order a
declaration of those things
which are most surely believed
among us,
2 Even as they delivered
them unto us, which from the
beginning were eyewitnesses,
and ministers of the word;
3 It seemed good to me also,
having had perfect under-
standing of all things from
the very first, to write unto
thee in order, most excellent
Theophilus,
4 That thou mightest know
the certainty of those things,
wherein thou hast been in-
structed.

Picture from Authorised Version Luke 1 : 1-4.

THE REMAINING GOSPEL
Who is the author of **"The Gospel of St. John?"** Neither God nor St. John! See what "he" (?) says about it "himself" (?) on page 58 - John 19:35 and 21:24-25. Who is his **"HE"** and **"HIS"** and **"THIS?"** A-N-D, his **"WE** KNOW" and **"I** SUPPOSE." Could it be the fickle one who left him in the lurch in the garden, when he was most in need, or the fourteenth man at the table, at the "Last Supper," the one that "Jesus loved?" Both were Johns. It was a popular name among the Jews in the times of Jesus, and among Christians even now. Neither of these two was the author of this Gospel. That it was the product of an anonymous hand, is crystal clear.

AUTHORS IN A NUTSHELL
Let me conclude this "authorship" search with the verdict of those 32 scholars, backed by their 50 co-operating denominations. God had been eliminated from this authorship race long ago. In the RSV by "Collins," invaluable notes* on **"The Books of the Bible"** are to be found at the back of their production. I am reproducing only a bit of that information on page 59. We start with **"GENESIS"** - the first book of the Bible. The scholars say about its "AUTHOR": **"One of the 'five books of Moses'."** Note the words **"five books of Moses"** are written in inverted commas - **"."** This is a subtle way of admitting that this is what people say - that it is the book of Moses, that Moses was its author, but we (the 32 scholars) who are better informed, do not subscribe to that tittle-tattel.

The next four books, **"EXODUS, LEVITICUS, NUMBERS** and **DEUTERONOMY":** AUTHOR? **"Generally credited to Moses."** This is the same category as the book of **Genesis.**

Who is the author of the book of **"JOSHUA?"** Answer: **"Major part credited to Joshua."**

Who is the author of the book of **"JUDGES?"** Answer: **"Possibly Samuel."**

Who is the author of **"RUTH"** Answer: **"Not definitely known"** AND

Who is the author of:
1ST SAMUEL?..................................... Answer: Author "Unknown"
2ND SAMUEL...................................... Answer: Author "Unknown"
1ST KING?... Answer: Author "Unknown"
2ND KING?.. Answer: Author "Unknown"

(Continued on page 60)

* Its first page is preserved for posterity herein on page eleven.

WATCH THE PRONOUNS!

ST. JOHN 19

35 And he that saw *it* bare
record, and his record is true:
and he knoweth that he saith
true, that ye might believe.

WHO IS "HE" and "HIS" ?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Saint John

ST. JOHN 21

24 This is the disciple which
testifieth of these things, and
wrote these things: and we
know that his testimony is
true.

The Conclusion

25 And there are also many
other things which Jesus did,
the which, if they should be
written every one, I suppose
that even the world itself could
not contain the books that
should be written. Amen.

WHO IS "WE" and "I" ?

WHAT AN EXAGGERATION!

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

GENESIS
AUTHOR. One of the **"five books of Moses."**

EXODUS
AUTHOR **Generally** credited to Moses.

LEBITICUS
AUTHOR. **Generally** credited to Moses.

NUMBERS
AUTHOR. **Generally** credited to Moses.

DEUTERONOMY
AUTHOR. **Generally** credited to Moses.

JOSHUA
AUTHOR. **Major part** credited to Joshua.

JUDGES
AUTHOR. **Possibly** Samuel.

RUTH
AUTHOR. Not definitely known, **perhaps** Samuel.

FIRST SAMUEL
AUTHOR. **Unknown.**

SECOND SAMUEL
AUTHOR. **Unknown.**

FIRST KINGS
AUTHOR. **Unknown.**

SECOND KINGS
AUTHOR. **Unknown.**

FIRST CHRONICLES
AUTHOR. **Unknown,** probably collected and edited by Ezra.

SECOND CHRONICLES
AUTHOR. **Likely** collected and edited by Ezra.

EZRA
AUTHOR. **Probably** written or edited by Ezra.

ESTHER
AUTHOR. **Unknown.**

JOB
AUTHOR. **Unknown.**

PSALMS
AUTHOR. Principally David, though there are **other writers.**

ECCLESIASTES
AUTHOR. Doubtful, but **commonly** assigned to Solomon.

ISAIAH
AUTHOR. Mainly credited to Isaiah. Parts **may** have been written **by others.**

JONAH
AUTHOR. **Unknown.**

HABAKKUK
AUTHOR. **Nothing known** of the place or time of his birth.

The above facts are from Collins' R.S.V. 1971. Pages 12-17.

1ST CHRONICLES? Answer: Author "Unknown, **probably** ..."
2ND CHRONICLES? ..... Answer: Author **"Likely collectly ..."**

And so the story goes. The authors of these anonymous books are either **"UNKNOWN"** or are **"PROBABLY"** or **"LIKELY"** or are of **"DOUBTFUL"** origin. Why blame God for this fiasco? The Long-suffering and Merciful God did not wait for two thousand years for Bible scholars to tell us that He was not the Author of Jewish peccadilloes, prides and prejudices; of their lusts, wranglings, jealousies and enormities. He said it openly what they do:-

AND WOE TO THOSE WHO	فَوَيْلٌ لِّلَّذِينَ
WRITE THE BOOK WITH THEIR OWN HANDS	يَكْتُبُونَ الْكِتَٰبَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ
AND THEN SAY:	ثُمَّ يَقُولُونَ
"THIS IS FROM ALLAH."	هَٰذَا مِنْ عِندِ اللَّهِ
TO TRAFFIC WITH IT FOR A MISERABLE PRICE!	لِيَشْتَرُوا بِهِۦ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا
SO WOE TO THEM FOR WHAT THEIR HANDS DO WRITE,	فَوَيْلٌ لَّهُم مِّمَّا كَتَبَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ
AND WOE TO THEM FOR WHAT THEY EARN THEREBY! [1]	وَوَيْلٌ لَّهُم مِّمَّا يَكْسِبُونَ ○

(Holy Qur'án 2:79)

1. **"THE BIBLE" - "The World's Best Seller!"** the Publishers of the RSV made a net profit of 15 000 000 dollars on the first edition alone! **"What a miserable price in exchange for eternity!"**

We could have started the thesis of this book with the above Quŕánic verse and ended with it, with the satisfaction that God Almighty had Himself delivered His verdict on the subject - **"Is the Bible God's Word?",** but we wished to afford our Christian brethern an opportunity to study the subject as objectively as they wished.[1] Allowing believing Christians, "reborn" Christians, and their own Holy Book the Bible to testify against their "better" judgement.

What about the Holy Quŕán? Is the Quŕán the Word of God? The author of this humble publication has endeavoured to answer this question in a most scientific manner in his book **"AL'QUŔÁN - The Ultimate Miracle,"** available absolutely free of charge from the "Centre" on request.

1. See Dr. Scroggie's plea on page 25.

E P I L O G U E

The reader must now be convinced, that is if he has an open mind, that the Bible is not what it is claimed to be by the protagonists of Christianity.

For nearly four decades people have asked me as to how I have such an "in depth" knowledge of the Bible and Christianity.

Frankly speaking my present position as a Muslim "expert" on Judaism and Christianity is not of my own volition. I have been forced into being what I am.

EARLY PROVOCATION
It was in 1939 when I was working as a shop assistant at Adams Mission near a Christian seminary by that name; producing preachers and priests, that I and my fellow Muslim workers were the target of young aspiring men of the cloth. Not a day passed when these young Christians did not harass me or my brothers-in-faith, through insults which they piled on Islam, the Holy Prophet and the Quŕán.

Being a sensitive young man of 20, I spent sleepless nights in tears for not being able to defend the one dearer to me than my own life, **that mercy unto all mankind** - Muhummed P.B.U.H. I resolved to study the Quŕán, the Bible and other literature. My discovery of the book - **"IZHARUL HAQ"** was the turning point in my life. After a short while I was able to invite the trainee missionaries of Adams Mission College and cause them to perspire under the collar until they developed a respect for Islam and its Holy Apostle.

MUSLIMS UNDER CONSTANT ATTACK
It made me ponder as to how so many unwary Muslims are being constantly assaulted by Christian evangelists who carry out a door to door campaign, and being invited in by the proverbially hospitable Muslim, I thought of how the merciless missionary munched the **samoosas** and punched the wind out of the Muslim with snide remarks against his beliefs.

Determined to bring home to the Muslims their right to defend themselves and to arm them with enough knowledge to counter the hot gospeller, the door to door pedlar of Christianity and the shameless insulter of Islam and its Holy Apostle; I humbly undertook to deliver lectures to show the Muslim masses that they had nothing to fear from the assaults of the Christians.

My lectures were also an invitation to the Christians to witness the truth of Islam and the fabrications which had penetrated the true teachings of Jesus (P.B.U.H.).

ATTACK NOT NEW

Christian Missionaries in the past hundred years and more have challenged Muslims on many aspects and quite a number of these challenges have, to my knowledge, gone answered or have been partly answered. Perhaps by the will of Allah my contribution in this field can also be answers or part answers to the challenges of the detractors of Islam. It is of supreme importance that we do not go by default.

One such challenge comes to mind viz. Geo G. Harris the author of **"How to lead Muslims to Christ".** The missionary who tried to convert the Muslims of China says in the usual arrogant and condescending manner of the Westerner on page 19 under the heading - **"THE THEORY OR CHARGE OF CORRUPTION."**

'WE NOW COME TO THE MOST SERIOUS CHARGE BY THE MOSLEM WORLD, AGAINST OUR CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES. THERE ARE THREE ASPECTS OF THIS CHARGE.

1. That the Christian scriptures have been so changed and altered that they bear little, if any, resemblance to the glorious Injil praised in the Quŕán. This can be answered by the asking of one of the following questions: Wherein have these been so changed or altered? Can you obtain a copy of a true Injil and show it that I may compare it with mine? At what date in past history was the unaltered Injil in circulation?
2. That our Gospels have suffered corruption. The following five questions are definite and we have a perfect right to ask them:
    a. Was such corruption or alteration intentional?
    b. Can you point out in my Bible one such passage?
    c. How did this passage read originally?
    d. When, by whom, how or why was it corrupted or altered?
    e. Was such, corruption of the text or of the meaning?
3. That our Gospels are "faked" substitutes for the original Injil. Or that our Gospels are the handiwork of men, not the noble Injil which descended upon Jesus. A little questioning will usually reveal the true situation, that usually the Moslem making the charge is woefully ignorant of the Bible or New Testament as it actually existed in the past or exists today.

BEFORE GOING ON TO THE LATTER HALF OF THIS DISCUSSION A REMINDER IS IMPORTANT THAT AS SOON AS THE OBJECTOR IS WILLING TO SENSE THE FLIMSINESS OF SUCH A CHARGE WE SHOULD PRESS HOME SOME TEACHING FROM OUR SCRIPTURES, THAT OUR EFFORT MAY BE POSITIVE AND NOT NEGATIVE."

HAVE MUSLIMS THE ANSWER?

Have we as Muslims no answers for these questions? **If you, gentle reader have read this book you will admit that Geo G.**

Harris has no feet to stand on. I have been able to give actual pages from the Bible to disprove his assertions.

MUSLIMS CHALLENGED
On page 16 of Geo G. Harris' book he teaches his comrades a basic missionary rule in order to corner the Muslim prospective:

"In this chapter it is assumed that the question of the authenticity and genuineness of our scriptures has been raised by the Mohammedan. When this is the case, before we undertake defence of our position we should bear in mind a basic rule. THE BURDEN OF PROOF RESTS WITH THE MOSLEM."[1]

Praise be to Allah that in my 40 years of disproving the authenticity of the Bible which the Christians have so boldly asked for, I have been able to win the day.

Remember, we Muslims do not go door to door peddling our religion. Whereas Christians of different denominations encroach upon our privacy and peace and take advantage of our hospitality to harass the unwary Musalmān.

Those who are afraid to project the truth when they are provoked by these Christians, who even go to the extent of insulting our beloved Nabee Muhummed (S.A.W.) should re examine their Eimaan.

The lectures I hold are to sound out these slinking missionaries who "attack" the home and hearth of the unsuspecting Muslim who goes about minding his own business.

The lectures are also aimed at restoring the damaged dignity of the Muslim who has been ruffled by the ruthless attacks of the Christian pedlar. Ask the poor Muslims of Chatsworth, Hanover Park or Riverlea[2] as to how they are subjected to the tyranny of certain missionaries.

If this humble little contribution of mine **"Is the Bible God's Word?"** finds a place in the Muslim home as a bulwark against the missionary menace my effort would be amply rewarded.

A greater reward would be if even one sincere disciple of Jesus (on whom be peace) were to be led to the truth and be removed from fabrications and falsehood.

The greatest reward of course lies with Allah Almighty whom I supplicate for guidance and mercy and pray and crave that He accepts my effort which I dedicate to Him in all humility.

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1. **Alhumdo-lillah!** (Praise be to Allah), the reader will agree that in this and our other publications listed on the back cover, we have been constantly meeting this Christian challenge.
2. These are just a couple of the many townships in which the poorer Muslim is made to live by law under the South African **"Group Areas Act."**